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Election Remember to vote in Albany's special election Tuesday

Cityside Mayor speaks out on issues facing El Cerrito [A3]

Decision looms on Measure A

By Chris Treadway

ALBANY — Backers of Measure A, the only item on the ballot in a special election here June 8, are making a final push to get supporters to the polls.

The measure levies an additional special assessment, at the annual rate of \$120 for each residential unit and \$0.241 per square foot of each non-residential parcel, or \$120, whichever is greater, be-

ginning July 1, "to maintain and improve basic academic curriculum and educational programs" in the Albany Unified School District.

Funds from the measure would go to restoring or supplementing district programs—including programs formerly taken for granted such as science, fine arts, and even keeping school libraries open—that have been eliminated or cut back due to budget reductions.

The assessment would be increased "by no more than the (Bay Area) inflation rate, with an exemption for property owners age 65 or over."

The measure has earned the endorsement of a long list of Albany residents, as well as The Journal and the West County Times. But backers know that every effort will be needed to meet

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Little leeway in proposed EC budget

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO—City Manager Gary Pokorny last week presented the City Council with a \$15.4 million "no surprises" proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

"It proposes to continue to operate the city of El Cerrito at a reduced level of service for the next 12 months and documents that we need significant new revenue if we are to make modest progress toward reaching desired community goals in the five years ahead," Pokorny said at the first of two budget study sessions held last week.

The proposed fiscal-year 1999-2000 budget, which begins July 1, takes into account the council's recent decision to put the Redevelopment Agency into hiatus, restores the city's Information Services Program and reaches the council's goal of having a reserve of 10 percent of

the general fund set aside for emergencies.

Next year's budget proposes no new taxes and is balanced as required by state law. Some \$13 million in funded capital projects over the next five years are outlined in the document; there are also 23 projects, totaling more than \$21 million, without funding.

In his presentation to the City Council, Pokorny spoke of "fundamental problems" that need to be resolved in the city, the need for new revenues in future budgets and local tax revenues "stolen" by the state government.

"Our new governor and legislature have proposed a state budget that spends almost all of the new state revenues coming from our vigorous California economy on new state initiatives," Pokorny said. He said that Gov. Davis, "despite

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HUGH BERDAN stands at attention during the playing of 'Taps' during the groundbreaking ceremonies for El Cerrito's planned Veterans Memorial outside City Hall that will be built this summer.

Groundbreaking ceremony honors EC veterans

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO—With gold-painted shovels from the Chamber of Commerce, taps played by an Eagle Scout, a stirring rendition of the national anthem and the solemn gazes of several veterans of foreign wars, a portion of the City Hall civic gardens was set aside, in the words of one speaker, as "sacred ground."

Last Friday's groundbreaking ceremony for the El Cerrito Veterans Memorial was characterized by people in uniform and overcast skies and a rededication to remember those who risked life and limb for country in times of maximum peril.

"Although this memorial will be honoring the men and women from El Cerrito—it does honor and is symbolic of over one million Americans who an-

swered the call of our nation" and died in service, said county Veteran Services officer Gary Villalba at the ceremony.

Villalba said the memorial also honors the "several million Americans who came back from war not the same as when they left." More than 100 people came out to be part of the groundbreaking. Extra chairs from City Hall offices and from the public safety building across the street had to be brought out for the event. Participants and attendees included veterans from several Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, interested citizens, and city and county officials.

Jennifer Steneberg, district aide for Rep. George Miller, presented Mayor Gina Brusatori with an American flag flown over the Capital earlier in the week at Miller's request.

"The flag was flown in recognition of all the veterans of El Cerrito, California, for their courage and strength defending our nation," Steneberg said.

Ashley Tatrow, a 14-year-old Pinole High School student, sang a clear and stirring version of the national anthem during the ceremony. El Cerrito High School students and Eagle Scouts Mark Richardson, Daniel Pangelina and Erik Franks played the national anthem on their trumpets, and Richardson ended the groundbreaking ceremony with an affecting rendition of taps.

Seventy-year-old Hugh Berdan, a veteran of the Korean War, attended the ceremony "to help in any way I can help." Tatrow, who was much appreciated at the

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Students used field after herbicide was sprayed

By James Carter

ALBANY—High school students running the mile at Cougar Field May 25 may have been exposed to Roundup, a potentially dangerous weed killer.

"I didn't realize we'd done some spraying of Roundup at the same time that kids were present," said Superintendent J. Dale Hudson upon learning about the incident. "That should not be happening during school hours."

AHS students are required to run a mile at Cougar Field once a week. Exposure to the herbicide during a run last week raised concerns among some parents. Published reports have linked the herbicide Roundup with a number of ailments and diseases.

However Monsanto, the manufacturer of the weed killer, and officials from the College of Natural Resources at UC-Berkeley both maintain the herbicide is safe if properly used.

Reports suggest several students became nauseous after smelling something unusual during their weekly run around the Cougar Field track.

Asked about the reports, Hudson said, "I heard during a brief telephone conversation that there had been a couple of complaints. I'm still gathering information and haven't had a chance to follow up on that."

An employee of the district's maintenance department contacted by phone May 25 refused to identify himself or an-

Parents want UC to halt herbicide use

By James Carter

ALBANY—Parents concerned about the potential harmful effects of the weed killer Roundup have drawn a line in the sand at the Gill Tract, an open field just yards from what will soon be Ocean View School.

The Gill Tract is owned by the University of California and managed by the College of Natural Resources.

Concerns about the use of the herbicide are based on reports that glyphosate—the chemical weed killer in Roundup—is "acutely toxic to animals,

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swer questions about the use of Roundup. "I don't have time to talk to you," he said before hanging up.

Neither Kermit Bankson nor Joseph Cruz, both physical education coaches at the high school, were notified in advance about the spraying of the weed killer last Wednesday.

"Once we found out about it, we told

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Albany High artists get their day in the gallery

The eighth annual Albany High School "Art Attack" was once again a clear-cut victory for talented local youngsters. The exhibit of paintings, sculptures, ceramics, and photographs was presented on the evenings of May 26 and 27 in the Nexus Gallery at 2710 Eighth St. in Berkeley.

"This is different from other school

experiences," says Ed Hill, the veteran art teacher whose advanced students created the 74 large acrylic paintings in the exhibit.

"The kids create a variety of things but all are unique to themselves. It is very positive, and its shows that many more good things go on in high school than the few bad ones we hear about," he said.

And a wide variety of paintings there were, with styles ranging from realistic through impressionistic and abstract to animated, and pictures with a cartoon quality.

Some of the mixed media sculpture added humor to the show. Visitors coming into the gallery were confronted by two pictures and a representation of a woman from whose mouth a steady stream of water cascaded into a toilet bowl. The work was created by Aaron

Man About Town

By Dave Greer

Joseph. If it is the function of art to call up strong emotions, this one is certainly a success; few have not made obeisance to the porcelain god while praying fervently never to do so again.

Ceramics and mixed media teachers Ellen Goodman and Sarah Samonsky explained that this piece and others displayed were constructed from discarded or recyclable objects. One small sculpture was made almost entirely of flattened cans. There is a rich local tradition of such art going back to the Emeryville mud flat creations of the '60s.

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AHS ART TEACHER Ed Hill enjoys the recent exhibit with student contributors, from left, Chris Schweitzer, Baruch Poras and Jessica Yarris. Poras painted the center picture titled "The Sad Lady."

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Special performance at CCCT

COINCIDING WITH SUNDAY'S 55th anniversary of the landing at Omaha Beach on D-Day, there will be a special benefit performance of the D-Day drama "Waiting for Ike" at the Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona Ave. on Sunday, June 6, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each, and proceeds will go to the El Cerrito Veterans Memorial Committee. Last week, the committee broke ground at City Hall for the new Veterans Memorial and hopes to have it completed in time for Veterans Day in November. The play is in one act and runs about an hour. For reservations and tickets, call 510-528-2416. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the night of the performance. June 6 marks the 55th anniversary of the Allied invasion of Normandy during World War II.

WORTH CHECKING OUT

This week at CCCT

Contra Costa Civic Theatre's PlayMakers Series presents "Dinner At Eight" by George S. Kaufman and Edna Ferber. Directed by Louis Flynn. "Dinner At Eight" is a classic drama replete with love, jealousy and greed. At a dinner party thrown in honor of an English nobleman and his wife, polite society's formal exterior fails to conceal the pitiful petty rivalries and shallowness of the guests. A series of crises erupt which involve the cook, the maid, the butler, and the Italian chauffeur who is quick with a carving knife. The result is an amusing and seething cross-section of life. Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., June 4 through June 13. Tickets are \$7 general admission. To make reservations, call 524-9132. Contra Costa Civic Theatre is located at 951 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito.

AAUW celebrates 50 years

The Richmond-El Cerrito Branch of the American Association of University Women will be celebrating 50 years of commitment to women on Sunday, June 6. The branch was chartered in 1949 and has supported many events concerning women and girls over the years. The event will be celebrated with a luncheon at the Mira Vista Country Club. Former members and friends of the branch are invited to attend. Reservations are \$25 and must be made by May 28. Details: 525-2238.

Codornices Creek

Saturday, June 12, join Friends of Five Creeks in restoring Codornices Creek where it crosses the Ohlone Greenway, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Remove invasive ivy, weed and water young native plants, strengthen log-retaining walls, and talk over plans for a new bench.

and bridge rail. Meet under the BART tracks, opposite 1200 Masonic, on the Berkeley-Albany border. Bring gloves, tools for removing ivy, and post-hole diggers if you have them.

Fete for superintendent

A retirement dinner-dance for Albany Unified School District Superintendent J. Dale Hudson will be held on Saturday, June 12, at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Emeryville. Tickets are \$40 per person. Ticket deadline is May 29. Seating is limited. Call Beverly Feusler in the Office of the Superintendent. Details: 559-6614.

Thank a teacher

Parents of graduating seniors are encouraged to express thanks to their favorite teacher by writing a personal message on a special "Apple for the Teacher" card. The Albany Education Foundation calls it a chance to say "Thanks a million!" to a special teacher in Albany Schools. The "Apples" will be displayed on an "apple tree" at the Albany Library. You are invited to donate \$19.99 to the Albany Education Foundation in honor of your graduate and their favorite teacher. Details: 524-7797.

Lions Sidewalk Sale

The Kensington Lions Club is currently accepting reservations for space at its annual sidewalk sale. The sale will take place on Sunday, June 6 at Colusa Circle in Kensington from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each 10 feet of frontage space is available for \$10. The deadline for reservations is June 1. Contact Fly Aweigh Travel at 527-6267, or drop by at 377 Colusa Ave., to pick up a flyer.

Kensington Library events

The Kensington Library has several upcoming events for children and par-

ents. The library, at 61 Arlington Ave., is open from 1 to 6 p.m., Monday, from noon to 8 p.m., Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Story time for families meets at 7 p.m., Tuesdays. The program is suitable for children 4 and older and their families. The new series begins May 25 and ends Aug. 3. Story time for preschoolers is at 10:30 a.m., Thursdays. The new series runs May 27 through Aug. 5. Registration is required. Details: Pamela McKay, 510-524-3043.

Preschool applications

Applications for Albany Preschool's 1999 Summer School are now available at the preschool. The eight-week session will begin on June 21 and end on Aug. 13. There will be a morning parent co-operative program (9 a.m. to noon) and an afternoon non-parent participation program (noon to 3 p.m., or noon to 5 p.m.). It is possible to sign up for mornings, afternoons, or both. Albany Preschool, 850 Masonic Ave., is also currently enrolling students for its fall 1999 Afternoon Non-Parent Participation Program. Details: 527-6403.

Horticultural therapy

The People/Plant Connection of Northern California—a local chapter of the American Horticultural Therapy Association—is holding its first meeting, Saturday, June 5, from 1-4 p.m. at Rubicon Homes, 970-13th Street at Visalia, Richmond, phone 234-4860. Special guest speaker is Catherine Sneed, who has successfully developed rehabilitative horticultural therapy programs in the San Bruno County Prison System and has established community service garden connections. Details: Karen Talbot, 925-376-1157.

Pedestrian victimized by purse snatch

By K. Osborn

ALBANY—At about noon on May 23, a 75-year-old Albany woman reported that while she was walking on the 500 block of Talbot Avenue she was approached by a black male adult wearing light pants and a cap, who asked her for directions. The man then grabbed the woman's purse and fled in a red car driven by a black male adult. The thieves were last seen going west on Garfield Street. Police are investigating.

At about 10:30 p.m. on May 28, an El Cerrito woman reported that while she was waiting for a bus on San Pablo Avenue, a subject she described as an Asian male, 16 to 20 years old, with a full goatee, wearing a New York Yankees baseball cap, orange "FUBU" designer jersey and baggy blue jeans, held a gun to her head and demanded money. He took a few dollars from her and fled in a car with three black male adults inside. Police are investigating.

At about 3:30 a.m. on May 23, Albany officers stopped a white 1987 American SW on Buchanan Street near Interstate 80 for a traffic violation. The driver, a 37-year-old Vallejo man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from Oakland for DUI in the amount of \$5,000 and did not have a valid driver's license. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail. His car was impounded.

On the afternoon of May 23, a resident on the 1400 block of Thousand Oaks reported that someone keeps digging up plants and flowers from her garden. There were no witnesses.

At about 3:30 p.m. on May 24, a resident on the 500 block of Key Route Boulevard complained that children in a neighboring yard were playing on a trampoline and making noise. He expressed concern because they had been bouncing before, and he doesn't like noise.

On the night of May 24, a resident on the 400 block of Cornell Avenue reported that his brown 1975 Toyota SW had been stolen. There were no witnesses. On the night of May 29 Richmond police located the car which was undamaged. The owner was notified.

On the morning of May 25, a resident on the 1500 block of Visalia Street reported that his silver Mitsubishi Expo was broken into during the night. The thieves prowled through the glove box and the interior of the car, stole items and departed unseen.

On the night of May 25, a resident on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue reported that a blue 1961 Volkswagen had been parked on his street for several days. A check found that it had been reported as stolen from Berkeley on May 9. The car was not been damaged and the owner was called to pick it up.

On the evening of May 26, Albany officers responded to reports of an abandoned red 1990 Chevrolet pickup on the 90 block of Fillmore Street. A check found that the car had been reported stolen from San Jose. The owner was notified.

At about 2 a.m. on May 27, officers responded to San Pablo and Solano avenues on reports of a disturbance. Officers contacted a 29-year-old Berkeley man who was intoxicated. He was arrested and released when sober.

Just before midnight on May 27, officers stopped a red 1986 Nissan in the parking lot of Golden Gate Fields because it was driving erratically and the driver appeared to be looking for an exit. The driver and passenger, a 25-year-old Albany man and a 41-year-old El Sobrante man, were both found to be very intoxicated. They were arrested and released when sober.

On the morning of May 29, the owner of a white 1992 Infinity, who lives on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue and the owner of a gray 1991 Honda

POLICE REPORT

Civic, who lives on the 900 block of Pomona Avenue, both reported during the night vandals broke into their cars but did not take anything.

On the night of May 28, a resident on the 1100 block of Damasco Street reported that thieves stole a red 1986 Chevy Blazer while it was parked in front of her house. There were no witnesses.

At about 10:30 p.m. on May 28, officers responded to the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a man who had stolen a sandwich. Officers contacted the 46-year-old man and arrested him for petty theft and for previous theft activity. He was transported to the Berkeley jail.

At about 11 p.m. on May 28, a resident on the 700 block of May Street reported that his roommate was threatening him with a broken bottle. Officers responded and arrested the 47-year-old man for terrorist threats and for brandishing a weapon. He was transported to the Berkeley jail.

At about 3:30 a.m. on May 29, officers stopped a red 1987 Nissan for erratic driving while traveling on San Pablo Avenue. The driver, a 37-year-old San Francisco man, was to be intoxicated and his field test score was 13/13. He was arrested and released when sober.

During the week of May 23, officers towed four cars, responded to six false alarms, attended to one deceased animal, assisted people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to reports of barking dogs.

In the domestic arena, officers responded to two domestic disputes, reports of civil disturbances and 71 calls. Albany officers stopped 100 vehicles issuing 41 citations and 32 warnings.

Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to two fire calls and 10 medical emergencies.

High-speed chase ends in arrest

By James Carter

EL CERRITO—A thief known only by the highest authorities crept into St. John's Church the morning of May 8 and stole a purse from a closet there.

A burglar attempted to force open a window of a house on the 7600 block of Levison May 10. Unable to gain entry, the thief tried the rear door but failed. Determined to make a quick buck at someone else's expense, he shattered a kitchen window and ransacked the home. Police have identified an 18-year-old boy as a suspect.

Just after midnight May 10, a 37-year-old man driving a 1989 Mustang led police on a wild high-speed chase after police ordered him to pull over. Weaving in and out of traffic recklessly at speeds up to 105 mph, his escape attempt failed when police stopped him at the west onramp to Interstate 80 near Barrett Avenue.

At 9:15 a.m. May 11, a 29-year-old security guard spotted a man stealing merchandise from Walgreen's on San Pablo Avenue. He confronted the culprit, who displayed a gun, then apparently took his time strolling out of the store.

On the 800 block of Kearney Street May 12, a 10-year-old boy was taken by surprise from behind. As a thief covered his eyes with his hand, police believe a second thief stole the

child's Game Boy and knocked to the ground before the two.

A crook smashed the rear window of an automobile parked at Fairmont and San Pablo Avenue morning of May 14, escaping with tools and a tool box valued at \$3,000.

A 14-year-old boy was taken by two teens at 5:20 p.m. at

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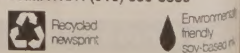
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Brusatori speaks out on El Cerrito issues

By J. R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Mayor Gina Brusatori addressed a number of front-end issues, including economic development, Plaza revitalization, the General Plan and funding the city's general fund at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon last week. It was a classic Brusatori-style speech: the mayor was straightforward and direct and minced few words.

Speaking to more than 30 members of the city's business community, Brusatori said she was pleased with the April 5 vote by the council to put the Redevelopment Agency into hiatus until its debt to the city is repaid. The mayor also said she was unopposed "if we all agreed on the vote." Brusatori said the proposed budget for next year "shows that the unredevelped program and the Redevelopment Agency has been transferred from the city to the city under the heading 'economic development.'" Brusatori said that what economic development means in El Cerrito has not been defined and proposed providing "interim funding" for only the first six months of the upcoming fiscal year. She also called for a "study group" of residents, merchants, commercial Realtors and others to "participate in an all-out effort on economic development." Casting a cold eye on some past efforts, Brusatori called for a "free exchange of ideas instead of other 'visioning exercise' where one tries to finesse an outcome." The mayor also spoke her mind when talking about the new El Cerrito Plaza. Stating that ground-breaking is scheduled for this July and a grand re-opening projected for October 2000, Brusatori said she found some recent Plaza debate by the Planning Commission "ironic." She said the commission wants "amenities that we cannot afford" and that "the seeds of redevelopment's financial situation were sown in the 1980s, when the city land-banked property in the north end of town and funded Target and other big-box projects."

Brusatori argued that had the city "been more strategic and not invested all of the redevelopment agency money in the north end of town where the return on investment is low, there may have been money for the south end of town and specifically the Plaza." Brusatori suggested that had redevelopment money been spent to provide "amenities people wanted such as a revitalized Plaza shopping area," redevelopment would have garnered more public support.

Discussing the city's new General Plan, Brusatori praised the citizen-constituted Process Team, but said the council could have saved time, money and controversy by directing the consultants to focus on "a handful of hot-button issues."

Brusatori said that instead of covering "so much of the material in the existing General Plan that was not in dispute," the consultants should have focused on controversial issues such as open space, traffic congestion, building height and density, and "housing vs. commercial buildings along San Pablo Avenue."

On the matter of funding capital improvements, Brusatori was not afraid to use the "I" word (tax) repeatedly. "I think there is an argument for putting a tax on the November 1999 ballot," she told the



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MAYOR GINA BRUSATORI addressed the Plaza, the General Plan, redevelopment and other issues facing the city at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon last week. Chamber President Bill Kerber is at left.

audience. "It's important that we are moving ahead because there are those who already have begun to criticize the Committee of the Whole and this (City) Council as 'do-nothing' bodies," Brusatori said. She suggested earmarking funds in the upcoming budget as "seed money" to fund capital improvements in the city.

"I would like for these funds to act like a challenge grant to the community," Brusatori explained "showing that if we tighten our belt and keep our operating budget modest and focus on our infrastructure, the community will respond by overwhelmingly supporting a tax to rebuild our facilities."

Brusatori suggested City Hall be

reorganized to save money, but said that a tax measure could be on the ballot this November or in March 2000. She said a tax measure in March 2000 could be paired with a library sales tax measure in the works. Brusatori said a \$72-a-year "pay-as-you-go" parcel tax would generate \$745,000 a year, or about \$4.5 million over six years or about \$6 million over eight years.

Wil Chun, owner of Mail Boxes Etc. and president of the El Cerrito Plaza Merchants Association, said he liked what he heard from the mayor. Referring to Brusatori's comments about the Plaza, Chun said "I thought it was a positive note" and added "I hope she can come through with it to make this thing fly."

IN BRIEF

Police: Bank robberies by same suspect

Police are looking for a man they said may be linked to at least five East Bay bank robberies over the past two months.

The latest occurred May 25, when a man walked into the Wells Fargo branch at 1800 Solano Ave., passed a note to the teller demanding money and walked out with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Police said the man's description matches that of the robber in a rash of bank holdups that included three in Berkeley and one in Albany since April 12.

Police said he may also be responsible for other bank heists in the region.

"At this point, we are still working with other agencies," said Berkeley police Det. Rico Roller.

The robber is described as a white man in his late 30s or 40s. He is about 6 feet tall and weighs 200 to 220 pounds.

In each robbery, the man wore a white or tan fisherman's cap and a dark blue nylon jacket with an elastic waist.

Roller added that in each case, the man gave the teller a note demanding cash. No gun was brandished in any of the robberies.

There have been a total of 13 bank robberies in Berkeley this year. In most, the robber does not show a weapon.

Anyone with information can

call the Berkeley police Robbery Division at 510-644-6790.

Safety tips pay

ALBANY — Albany students, grades K-12, will be embarking on a first of its kind pledge campaign, titled, "Spread The Word. Safety Tips Pay."

The purpose of the drive is for Albany youth to provide data to family and friends living outside the city of Albany and to collect pledges from those who are also California licensed drivers.

Youth in grades K-6 will promote safety belts; middle school students will "push" bike helmets, and high school students will promote "no-zone" awareness, the area around the big rig trucks.

Pledges will qualify for a raffle for cash and other prizes for both the students collecting the pledges and the California licensed drivers signing the pledges.

The drive starts two weeks prior to the summer break and will run through December 1.

It is part of the Chief Operator Teen Driver program, which is a fine tuning of the adult designated driver concept.

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Safenight Berkeley USA

The Bay Area's first annual Safe Night event on June 5, is supported by the City of Berkeley, Berkeley Youth Commission, Berkeley Recreation Centers, Berkeley Youth Alternatives, Young Adult Project, YMCA and Hills Newspapers Inc. who have joined the national campaign to reach out to our community's youth by providing them with safe places in which to get together and have fun.

Safe Night Berkeley USA events, where weapons, drugs, alcohol, and arguments are prohibited, will feature workshops and activities to teach teens how to deal better with anger, resolve conflicts, and respect others.

In addition, Berkeley Community Media and Berkeley High School will produce a one-hour live special, featuring youth speaking candidly about youth issues, to be broadcast on June 5 during Safe Night activities.

Other scheduled events include: Girls Twilite Basketball, the Mayor's Student Recognition Awards Ceremony, an outdoor concert, and cultural arts performances.

Saturday, June 5 Events

Afternoon Concert, Teen Basketball Tournament & Free Throw Contests: People's Park, Haste St. between and Telegraph & Bowditch avenues, 1 to 5 p.m.

Twilight Sail of the Pegasus 51' Sail Boat: Berkeley Marina, Bay "K" dock, 5 to 8 p.m.

Casino Family Night Barbecue; Violence prevention workshops & conflict resolution sessions: Martin Luther King Youth Center, 1730 Oregon St., 6 to 10 p.m.

Aztec Dancers, "Our Thing" Dance Troop & other cultural arts performances, including African Dance, Modern Dance, Hip Hop; Health Educators will speak about domestic violence and conflict resolutions: Frances Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St., 6 to 10 p.m.

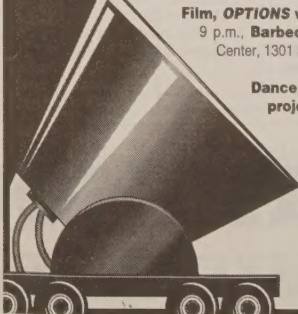
Girls Twilite Basketball Game, 6 to 8 p.m.; Planned Parenthood Workshop on Crisis Management & Conflict Resolution, 8 to 9 p.m.; Berkeley Youth Alternatives workshop on Violence Prevention, Neighborhood Association Recognition, Community Policing Program, Teen Program, 8 to 10 p.m.; & Game Room activities & Door Prizes, 10 to 11 p.m.; Tennis & Basketball courts, soccer fields open until 11 p.m.; Activities at James Kenney Rec Center, 1720 8th St., 644-8511 & Berkeley Youth Alternatives, 1255 Allston Way.

Mayor Dean's Student Recognition Award Ceremony: Speakers include, Mayor Shirley Dean, BHS principal Theresa Saunders, motivational speaker Deborah Bronson; BHS Jazz Ensemble will perform, reception following. Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco prevention program handouts will be distributed. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, 1871 Rose St., 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Film, OPTIONS with Conflict resolution discussion, 7 to 8 p.m.; Basketball, 8 to 9 p.m., Barbecue/Raffle with prizes, 9 to 10 p.m.; All activities at Live Oak Rec Center, 1301 Shattuck Ave.

Dance, Music, Games, Tobacco Prevention Lecture and related art project: Downtown Berkeley YMCA, 2001 Allston Way, 8 to 10 p.m.

Celebrate Safe Night USA/Berkeley: The BUSD-B-TV Safe Night will be an hour of nonstop entertainment featuring African Dance, live music, hip hop, and Berkeley High students leading a straight head discussion with young people from other Berkeley Safe Night sites. Joining in the party will be community activists, criminal justice reform advocates and public health agencies dialoguing about how we can work towards stopping violence, reducing conflict and increasing the peace in our community. Berkeley Unified School District, TV Channel 25, 8 to 9 p.m.



Opinion

The Journal recommends a yes vote on Measure A in Tuesday's special election in Albany.

VIEWPOINT

Vote YES! for Albany Schools on Tuesday

On June 8, Albany voters will decide on an important measure designed to preserve and enhance the quality of our public schools. Measure A asks for a modest \$120 per year per residential parcel, and a similar assessment for businesses, to help raise \$1 million for our schools. The money is specifically earmarked to maintain and improve class offerings in science, math, music, foreign language, visual and performing arts, technology and vocational studies and athletics. It will also provide badly needed services such as counseling and libraries for students from kindergarten through grade 12.

State funding-at 41st in the nation—simply does not match the cost of providing the quality of education that Albany citizens have expected for their students. Communities throughout the Bay Area have come to the same realization: consistent local funding must exist to adequately support school programs.

All residents—whether or not they have children in Albany schools—benefit from the reputation of our schools. Because of Albany's desirable schools, families move here, property values remain strong, businesses prosper and a stable and safe community flourishes. Passing Measure A will ensure the high quality of our schools, and therefore, the vitality of our community.

Measure A is a wise investment in our community. Remember these key points:

- This measure will fund key classroom programs such as science and math, technology and visual and performing arts, and will be available for the 1999-2000 school year. Measure A will ensure that these critical programs have a stable funding source which keeps up with the cost of providing them. The money may not be used for

facilities or administrative "overhead."

- Measure A requires the Board of Education to annually provide the public an accounting of Measure A revenues and expenditures.

- Neighboring communities have also passed school funding measures. Berkeley citizens, for example, have taxed themselves at higher rates than Albany residents are being asked to approve.

- Measure A includes a senior exemption for residents aged 65 and over whose primary residence is in Albany. SENIORS PLEASE NOTE: applications for this exemption are available now in the school district office (please call 559-6503 for information). You need not wait until after June 8 to apply. The applications are also available at the Senior Center and the Community Center.

- Recent new state laws fund specific programs such as student testing and class size reduction. Additional funds are not being provided for local districts to use toward local priorities.

Please join with Albany residents of all ages who have concluded that providing our schools with locally raised funds which will be used for our community's priorities is the best solution to the chronic underfunding of our schools. Let's send a message loud and clear that Albany's "crown jewel," our wonderful public schools, will continue to shine. Remember every vote counts! Vote YES on Measure A on June 8.

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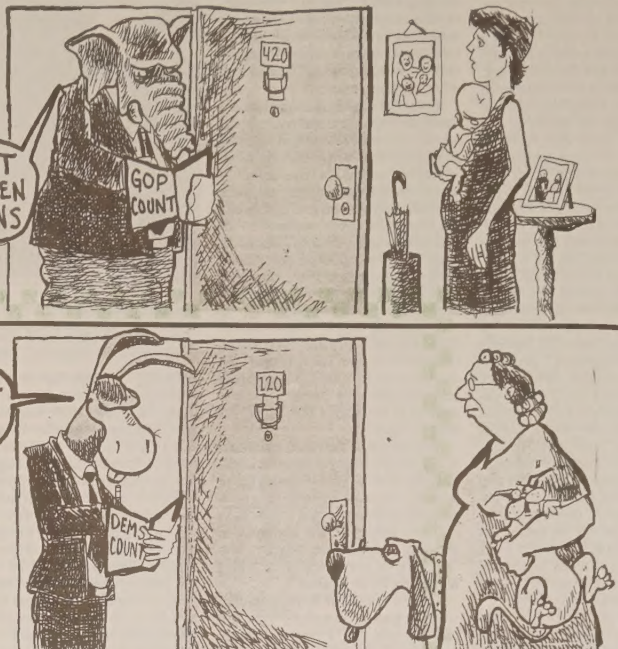
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CHRIS STRACH 99



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Skeptical about Marin Ave. plan

I am a cyclist who is responding to Bruce Mast's column, "A Plan to Deal with Marin Avenue Traffic" (May 20). I greatly respect Mr. Mast's fine work as former Albany mayor and city council member. However, my recent visits to San Francisco's Valencia Street—which has undergone the kind of four- to three-lane conversion that Mr. Mast endorses for Marin Ave.—have left me highly skeptical about the claimed benefits of such lane reductions for cyclists or neighbors.

Valencia Street now has bike lanes, and most cyclists certainly welcome that. Also, in my observation, its "shared" center left-turn lane seems to have preserved the street's turning capacity, as promised. The problem was with the straight-ahead traffic.

"Honk, honk, honk," said the SUVs, whenever a signal turned green and the lead car wasn't out of the gate fast enough for their liking.

"Beep, beep, beep," said the cars, whenever a bus stopped dead in the center of the (now) single lane to drop off/take on passengers.

Overall, I noticed the pressure-cooker atmosphere of pervasive impatience that one finds on other single-lane arterials like Ashby Avenue or Belrose (the single-lane continuation of Claremont Avenue north of its intersection with Ashby).

Far from reducing noise, I found that the removal of passing lanes made the adjacent vehicles seem more noisy, "present," and oppressive than before.

Quantitative comparisons of traffic capacity, before and after lane-reduction, don't necessarily capture a street's qualitative feel or subjective tension level.

Also, Valencia is part of a grid of arterials. Drivers who want a passing lane can escape to adjacent routes like Mission or Guerrero. Marin Avenue drivers, as Mr. Mast points out, would basically be trapped, because parallel streets either "offer no time savings" or "don't go anywhere."

And Valencia is primarily a commercial street; Marin Avenue is residential. Its residents might find the increased churning and honking intolerable.

I would urge interested folks to check out the "shrunk" Valencia Street for themselves. They may decide that they prefer certain less radical speed-reduction alternatives that Mr. Mast also mentions, like more intensive enforcement and traffic signals synchronized to 25 mph.

Michael Katz
Berkeley

No pleasure living downwind from foundry

Re: Pacific Steel Castings

It seems to me that this has been going on long enough. The air has been fouled, large amounts of carcinogenic metals, and now large amounts of waste particulates are being released into the air by Pacific Steel Castings.

Now there is a new incinerator that is creating a whole new chemical waste process that is unmonitored and unregulated. Your article states that the city issued a permit for a "fluidized bed oven that puts out 2.59 tons of particulates, 7 tons of nitrogen oxide, and 1.5 tons of carbon dioxide."

This in addition to the nickel, chromium, phenol, and manganese that PSC routinely re-

leases into our air. This is not a small oven baking chocolate chip cookies, this is a major incinerator, and these numbers hardly seem inconsequential.

In your article, Bay Area Air Quality Management District supervisor Richard Lew says, "There hasn't been any specific complaint" about emissions from Pacific Steel in six years. There is a simple reason for this—complaints are basically ignored. The last time I complained, an inspector arrived after 45 minutes. He asked me to describe the smell, and said that three people would have to file complaints about the same smell within the same hour, before any action could be taken. This virtually guarantees that all complaints are ignored. I called inspectors several times, but finally realized it was useless.

This foul air has been part of our lives for long enough. I think it's time we systematically monitored the emissions of PSC, especially in light of this new incineration process, and then evaluated the long-term health risks of the heavy metals and particulates that this foundry is generating.

Would Mayor Shirley Dean want to buy a house downwind of this foundry?

Miriam Kaminsky

Next generation deserves better

As a senior at Albany High School I am a member of the generation that has borne the brunt of California's rapidly degenerating educational system.

It all started when Prop. 13 tightened the noose on the funds available for public services like education, right before we all entered the public school system, and then expanded under the Wilson administration as students saw elective options and extracurricular activities drop left and right due to budget constraints.

We even got Ward Connerly to fight affirmative action and revoke our rights to equality in the college admissions process.

We are the generation of portable classrooms, 20-year-old paintbrushes and not enough paper to last throughout the year.

While the long term solution to these problems should be to re-prioritize state funds and raise all public schools to a level of equality and excellence, one short-term solution for Albany is Measure A.

This parcel tax, on the June 8 ballot, will raise \$1 million per year for new educational programs in Albany schools.

Perhaps with this money AHS will be able to offer a wider variety of language classes, re-establish a drama department, or develop a dance program—all things that I feel were lacking in my education.

Albany has the means to offer students of the shafted generation what they deserve.

Vote "yes" on Measure A.

Katie Hannon
Albany

Marin Ave. changes worth trying

As one who bicycles as often as drives up and down Marin Avenue, I know the street well from both perspectives. Either way you look at it, Marin has problems. Drivers move too fast, bicyclists are crowded against the parked cars, and those making left turns on or off the street sometimes create hazardous situations for themselves and others.

There is no obvious solution. Our choice is

to either accept that "bad as it is" is as good as it gets, or we can explore options as a community. Restriping a street is a relatively inexpensive exercise (as opposed to removing or adding curb and gutter), and a good way to see if the proposal to reduce traffic lanes works or not. Other options to explore might include removing the parked cars (most of which seem to be "for sale"), reducing the width of the traffic lanes, narrowing the crossings at intersections, and more frequent stoplights.

Concerns that a configuration of one lane of traffic in each direction plus a left turn lane will create horrific traffic jams may be well founded. Then again, they might not be. Trying out the configuration would allow us to experience at its potential impacts, learn its lessons, and work toward a better and safer situation for both drivers and bicyclists, and for pedestrians, too.

David Arkin

Funding for what's important in schools

We urge a "yes" vote for Measure A in the Albany Special Election on June 8. Since proposition 13 passed, statewide educational standards have deteriorated alarmingly. The Albany Unified School District has had to cut back on many programs that have been important to our Albany students. The governor has now proposed increasing the amount that the state contributes to education, the funds would be dedicated to specific purposes. Although the purposes are worthwhile, funds will not cover some of the things that we in Albany feel are important. We want to assure that our students will have adequate training in academic courses such as science, mathematics, technology, and foreign languages to compete effectively in the job market in the twenty-first century. Our students also need better libraries, athletic programs, counseling and shop courses. These could be provided if Measure A passes.

Ruth J. Ganong
William F. Ganong
Albany

DMV frustration not just in EC

My experience dealing with the El Cerrito DMV underscores Jeanette Sarno's charge of inefficiency (Journal letters, May 27). The Sacramento DMV, also as charged, is as bad or worse.

Last year I received a rather nasty letter from Sacramento demanding payment for my car registration renewal—which I had paid several months previously. The letter threatened to attach my salary, my bank account and my real estate, as well as report me to the Franchise Tax Board for billing. There was no signature or telephone number anywhere on that letter. I tracked them down through Sacramento information.

With cancelled check and other supporting documents at hand, I called and finally got hold of someone who seemed to know what she was doing. When she returned to the phone she explained that there had been a "mistake in filing" that would "be corrected."

Really? I thought it was attempted extortion or gross inefficiency, perhaps both. So I followed up with a letter containing copies of pertinent documents.

So much for the DMV's functioning.

Mauricia Price
El Cerrito

District has much at stake in the year 2000 census

By Barbara Lee

CONGRESSWOMAN FOR THE 9TH DISTRICT IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

California has a lot at stake in the ridiculous debate over the year 2000 census. While the administration and Congressional Democrats have argued that we should use current, scientific methods to count every human being in the United States—methods endorsed by the non-partisan National Academy of Sciences and by scientists around the nation—the Republicans in Congress continue to oppose these accurate methods and, instead, support the traditional "head-count" method.

Why? The following may provide some insight:

In 1990, the census used a traditional head count method, and made approximately 26 million mistakes. The census missed over 8 million people completely, double-counted over 4 million, and misidentified the residency of 13 million people nationally.

In California, the net undercount of residents in 1990 was over 837,500 people, making California the third most undercounted state in the nation—371,900 whites, 181,400 African-Americans, 397,500 Latinos, 63,400 Asian Americans, and over 8,000 Native Americans were missed during the census. The result was a statewide loss of \$1 billion, money which should have been allocated for education, health care, and other vital programs.

In our district, the 9th Congressional District of California, over 24,700 individuals were missed.

The 18th largest undercount by district in the entire United States included 19,000 people in Oakland and 3,900 people in Berkeley who were missed by the 1990 census.

According to the Children's Defense Fund, the number of children missed in the 9th Congressional District would fill 13 schools staffed by 363 teachers in Oakland and another school staffed by 35 teachers in Berkeley.

Given these alarming statistics, and given the utter failure of the traditional head count methods in 1990, why on earth would Republicans favor using the same, bad methodology for the 2000 census? Because census numbers determine the size and diversity of Congressional Districts, and affect who is elected to public office: Democrats or Republicans; white candidates or candidates of color; and much, much more.

In one of the most cynical and calculating decisions in recent, civil rights history, Republicans are figuring that, by using the failed 1990 counting methods, they can sustain the undercount of people of color and low income people—populations which Republicans fear are more likely to vote Democratic at election time and more likely to reject their extreme, anti-civil rights agenda.

When we consider the importance of the census to low-income communities and, especially, to communities of color, it is clear that we must begin to recognize that the census is one of the most important civil rights issues in modern day America.

Even if the Republicans prevail in the political arena and manage to block efforts to institute a fair and accurate census, we must do everything in our power to fight the Republicans' cynical plot and guarantee a fair and accurate count in our communities.

I urge everyone to get involved in the year 2000 census, to educate friends and family about its importance, and to make sure that our communities receive the funds and programs that they richly deserve. No other outcome is acceptable.

If you would like to help ensure a fair and accurate 2000 census as a volunteer or staff person, please contact Janice Williams, manager, Oakland Census Office, at 637-5040.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Rent that tux and go to San Francisco Saturday

Living! La Vida Loca: One of the best-publicized facts about the Black and White Ball, which takes place Saturday at San Francisco's Civic Center, is that nearly half the ballgoers come from the East Bay.

Not that we have any special attachment to the San Francisco Symphony, the beneficiary of the Ball; it's just that we know a good party when we see one. It's a chance, if only for one night, to dress up like our parents used to do and pretend we're married and Ginger.

The prices have been lowered a bit: \$165 for the over-30 crowd (down from \$175 last time) and \$125 for the younger set (down from \$135 last time). And you get first-class treatment, all the way.

For instance, the official press release proudly notes that they're renting 30 "Executive" port-a-potties for the occasion, presumably an improvement over last time, when they only had 15 "Deluxe" port-a-potties. So what's the difference? The "Executive" type has running water. What other newspaper gives you such in-depth coverage?

Anyway, if you're the going to the Ball for the first time, here a few hints on how to maximize your fun:

■ Wear black and/or white. I know this sounds obvious, but every year some joker shows up in a brown sports coat. Tackeeeee!

■ Even if you rent a tux, don't rent the shoes. I did that a few years ago because I thought it would look cool to wear a pair of those shiny patent-leather pumps, the kind that you can use as a mirror when you comb your hair.

■ I forgot that you spend most of your time on your feet. By the end of the night, it felt like somebody was cutting them off, one toe at a time.

■ Take it from me: Wear the most comfortable shoes you have. An old pair of Converse sneakers would be ideal. After all, they're black and white.

■ Eat beforehand. I say this in spite of the fact that they've stocked up on 10,000 strawberries, 3,000 chocolate Petit Fours, 5,000 servings of Chinese chicken salad, 20,000 lemons, 12,000 lbs. of gourmet cheese, 2,000 glasses of champagne, and 500 lbs. of salmon gravlax on toast points with cream cheese, cucumber and watercress. (Can you believe somebody actually counted all this?)

■ Yes, you can probably find the equivalent of dinner if you're willing to stand in food lines all night, but that's all you'll be doing. The whole essence of the Black and White Ball experience is to nibble a little, shmooze a little, dance a little, drink a little - in short, to act as if life were one long, pleasant afternoon that will never end. You can't do that if you're constantly in the prowl for more food.

■ Bring a coat. Eric Burdon, one of the headliners at the Ball, once wrote a song called "Warm San Francisco Nights" - which proves he'd never been to San Francisco before.

■ Remember, it's at least 10 degrees colder over there than it is over here. Don't take my word for it; take Mark Twain's. He's the one who supposedly said, "The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco."

■ Besides, they'll have plenty of cloakrooms, so you can check your wraps as you move from building to building.

■ Take public transportation. Finding a parking space in San Francisco is a chancy proposition even under the best of circumstances, and this ain't it. Besides, who wants to worry about drinking and driving?

■ But there's good news. The folks at BART have decided to add an extra train leaving Powell Street station at 12:40 a.m. Saturday night.

If that seems too early to turn into a pumpkin, BART in and take a cab back. I figure it'll come to about 25 to 23 bucks, depending on where you live. Split that with another couple, and it's not bad at all.

■ Start your evening at City Hall Rotunda. So says the Ball's technical director, Jeff Lutz. "That's where the San Francisco Symphony will be playing Strauss Waltzes," he says. "If you get there at 9 o'clock, you can watch Michael Tilson Thomas conducting the first waltz."

Then, advises Lutz, head for Pioneer Plaza to catch Jerry Lee Lewis and the Isely Brothers. (The Iselys will start at 9; the Killers will go on at 10.)

After that it's your choice, depending on your taste: either Starship and Joan Baez at Bill Graham Civic Auditorium; Pete Escovedo and Dr. Loco's Jalapeno Band at the State Building; or Lutz's favorite, George Clinton and his 30-piece band, the P-Funk All-Stars, at the Civic Center Plaza tent.

■ But make sure to be in place to view the Midnight Surprise. I can't tell you what's planned for this year, but last time it featured Tommy Tune. The time before that, it was bungee-jumping Elvi (plural of Elvis). The time before that, it was a parade of giant, 25-foot, inflatable champagne bottles. And the time before that, they had a pianist playing "Rhapsody in Blue" while being towed down Van Ness by The Chippendales. According to Lutz, the best place to view this year's Midnight Surprise is either the first or second floor of Davies Symphony Hall (overlooking Van Ness and Grove) or the

Van Ness Street stairs of City Hall.

Snapp Shots

By Martin Snapp

Van Ness Street stairs of City Hall.

■ And finally, even if you can't scrounge the money for a ticket, go anyway. "We realize that a lot of folks can't afford tickets but would still like to join in the festivities," says Lutz. "So we're hiring some hip-hop deejays to entertain the onlookers."

Besides, it's lots of fun just to stand outside on the sidewalk and gawk at the beautiful (and not-so-beautiful) people.

Phone Martin Snapp at (510) 273-9039 or e-mail him at catman@california.com

Arrowsmith stages condensed 'Midsummer Night's Dream'

The Arrowsmith Academy A Cappella Chorus and Drama Ensemble will present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on Friday and Saturday 5 at 7:30 p.m. at UC Berkeley Durham Theatre.

The chorus, directed by John Bennett, will open the evening with a 20-minute set of contemporary music from ballads to blues to gospel.

The Drama Ensemble is presenting a shortened version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream", one of Shakespeare's most famous, truly romantic, and wickedly funny comedies.

This particular production is unique in that the play has been shortened to approximately 45 minutes long, with six actors playing 15 characters.

The actors are Bob Fitzsimmons, Kiran Gjemre-Bragg, Rhyann Matthew, Amye Ominsky, Jan Shiffer and Veronica Thomas. Paul Schnetlage is the stage manager, and Laura Derry is the director.

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'Dance with me this summer'

Albany students rate area dance venues

By Paul Rockwell

Where do young adults go dancing in the summer? And what are the safest, most exciting dance venues for under-21? Over the year Albany High students in Bust-A-Move, a dance and culture club, drew up scouting reports. Here are some Bust-A-Move recommendations:

■ **ASHKENAZ SWING NIGHTS**, 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley At least once a month, Ashkenaz features live wing bands—Mood Swing Orchestra, Lavy Smith and the Red Hot Skillet Lickers. Popular instructors Nick and shanna open the evenings with lindy hop lessons for all ages. The lights dim, the band comes on, and by 9:30 the moit is jumpin'. Nick Lawrence and Tara Taylor also teach a special series for Teens on Saturdays. Call Nick at 524-5372. Weekend dance parties are: lesson, \$10.

■ **ALLEGRO BALLROOM**, 5855 Christie Ave., Emeryville Salsa Sunday at Allegro gets 4 stars from Bust-A-Move. The evening features premier salseros Gary & Isabelle, recently seen on local CBS. Their fast-paced beginning lesson starts at 6:00. The intermediate lesson goes on at 7:00. There's a real easy beginning lesson at 7:00 in the adjacent room. At 8:00 the salsa party explodes. Allegro has the largest and smoothest dance floor in

the East Bay. Gary plays great salsa selections, from Tito Puente mambo to romantic Mark Anthony. Dress to impress. \$8.00 for students.

■ **METRONOME BALLROOM**, 1830 17th St., San Francisco. Bust-A-Move recommends the Saturday night swing scene at Metronome. More than 150 students attend. The beginning swing lesson is packed and crazy. Everybody gets to dance with everybody else. Great dancing at 9:00. Beginners fit in and learn from experienced lindy-hoppers. Sometimes a crowd forms a circle to cheer a jam. It's like watching the GAP ad live. The Metronome is the largest and most successful drug-and-alcohol free Lindy hop scene in the Bay Area. There's street parking and full-time security. To get on the mailing list, call (415) 252-9000. \$9.00 for students.

■ **CAFE CARACAS**, 1446 University Ave., Berkeley. Cafe Caracas is a special place. It's taken a while to gain a following. It's not a night club or ballroom. It's a South American and Caribbean cafe, which features two salsa nights: Sundays at 6 with Joel and Sorcy, and Saturdays at 7:30 with Naomi Fribourg. It's a casual drop-in, an all-ages scene. Joel and Sorcy and Naomi are very popular with Bust-A-Move.

■ **DANCING ON THE WEB**: The internet is a useful tool for clicking

into the current student dance scene. If you don't have internet access at home, the Albany Library recently installed 5 new stations. **TWO GATEWAY SITES**: UC Ballroom Dancers—www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~ucbd/schedule.html A gateway to the young dance scene in the Bay Area. Click here for the most current info about dance workshops, outings, parties, special local events, even travel tips. Bay Area Salsa Scene—www.salsasf.com The bands, resources, clubs, articles, Dee-jays, interviews, reviews. Some over-21 clubs, but plenty of all-age events.

■ **SWINGING SITES**: Jump Site—www.ncls.com The Northern California Lindy Society list of swing venues, with plenty of links. Archives of Lindy Hop—www.savoystyle.com Judy Pritchett's chronicle of vintage videos and documentaries of early jitterbug. A retro site. Rob and Diane—www.odulo.com/yeahman S.F. Magazine voted Rob and Diane best swing teachers in the Bay area. This is their own site.

Bust-A-Movers are preparing more scouting trips to new venues: The Dog House in San Francisco, Two-Left Feet in Danville, and Sweets, the new big ballroom in Oakland. (The \$15 cover at Sweets is pretty prohibitive.) Bust-A-Move recently received funding from the Albany Police Traffic safety program. So buckle up, don't drink, and "bust a move".

AC may restore 24/7 service, but with a price

By Marc Albert

Bus riders may return to those thrilling days of yesteryear with 24-hour transit service on some lines, but riders may also be jolted into the future with a fare increase of 10-20 cents.

The plan, which went before the AC Transit Board last week calls for night owl service on routes 40, 73, 82, 51, 58, 97 as well as NZ service from San Francisco to downtown Oakland.

The routes would converge and wait for each other in Oakland so passengers headed for Berkeley and other points would be able to transfer.

Night routes would run hourly. Residents will also see a return of weekend service on the F, 65, 67, 7, 9, 52L, 52, 64 lines as part of service restorations on 28 different routes.

A public hearing on the restoration is tentatively scheduled for June 23 at AC Transit's offices at 1600 Franklin St. in Oakland.

While riders may welcome more frequent service, they may be less enamored with the price.

Transit officials said they would need to increase fares by 10-20 cents even if a reconstituted Measure B is approved by voters.

"We can proceed now with the service improvements," said AC Transit's

Jaime Levin. "But even with Measure B funding we will begin running at a deficit in three or four years. If we didn't increase fares now we would probably have to have a larger increase later." Levin noted that the last fare increase was in 1995 and said the increase is minimal. "If you look at auto expenses, like gas and parking, they have gone up considerably more, we are still very competitive. Given the kind of service improvement were talking about its still very modest."

The agency is also working on a partnership with the Port of Oakland to provide a new route that would tentatively connect the bay Terminal with Jack London Square and the Oakland Airport. A separate public hearing on fare increases has yet to be held. Acting General Manager John Smith said service improvements contingent on a fare increase. The board may also decide to transbay fares to \$2.70 each. Discount tickets, now a book of 10 would go up to \$48. Monthly passes would go up to \$48.

AMS choir wins award, sets concert

The Albany Middle School advanced choir won a unanimous "superior" rating while performing at the California Music Educators Association Festival at Hayward State. Directed by Joan Sextro and ac-

companied by pianist Esther Olsen, this is the first time in many years that the middle school entered the competition. Nevertheless, they received the highest honors possible.

On Thursday, June 3, the choir

and instrumental music bands will perform for the last time at the old Middle School, beginning at 7 p.m. The middle school site is scheduled to become Ocean View Elementary next fall.

Report

FROM PAGE A2

■ A 14-year-old boy was jumped by two teens at 5:20 p.m. at the corner of Albemarle and Stockton Avenue May 14. The muggers roughed up the boy then stole his shoes valued at \$60.

■ A 15-year-old boy rolled the dice May 15 and ended up in custody for vandalism after tagging a phone booth and a 7-Eleven store on the 7000 block of Stockton Avenue.

■ Someone slipped a clerk a phoney \$100 bill at Lucky Stores May 15.

■ A 43-year-old woman had her purse snatched by a mugger on the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue

May 17. Though the victim clung tenaciously to her belongings, the thief, a man in his mid-20s, got away.

■ A sinner cast stones at the First Church of Christ, Scientist on the 600 block of Lexington Avenue sometime between May 17-18. Though the culprit managed to crack two windows, the church itself was not damaged.

Obituaries

JOHNNIE LEE BARTOLO

Age 63 of Vacaville died Tuesday May 25, 1999 in his Vacaville home after a long illness. Born September 3, 1935 in Trinidad, Colorado. Move to Albany 11 years ago. He was employed with Luckys for 38 as a Truck Maintenance Technician. He served in the US Coast Guard for 8 years. He was a Member of American Legion, Vacaville Elks Lodge. He loved golf and football. Also coached Little league and American Legion baseball teams. He is survived by his wife Shirley of Vacaville, daughters Lynnell Bartolo of Folsom, Jannell Bartolo Spicie of Dublin, Elizabeth Duarte of Pleasanton and Tina Bartolo Vasques of Richmond. Mother Isabel Garcia of Denver Colorado. Also survived by 6 Grandchildren. Burial Thursday June 3, at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Cemetery in San Pablo. Memorial contributions can be made to American Cancer Society or North Bay Hospice.

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Trash placed in disposable containers

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Tires, motor oil, batteries, paint, solvents and cleaners

Please save for your regularly scheduled collection day:

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Director sets high goals for Contra Costa College Fund

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

When Debra Longwood took over as executive director of the Contra Costa College Foundation, she tells me she "was so busy during the first year" she hardly had time to do anything else. And isn't that a wonderful problem to have.

The Foundation was established in 1975 and has been run entirely by volunteers until Debra was hired in 1997 after spending about two years on the foundation's board.

She was, and is the first and only staff. She tells how that happened: When the new district chancellor came in he was delighted by the foundation and amazed that it had a director. Fresh from a very successful career as a fund raiser in the private sector, he realized the need, feeling the position would more than pay itself in donations. He therefore "I will pay for this person and office." And he added, "If it starts to raise money, I will continue and the office."

Now Debra Longwood, the first director of the Fund, is working on a \$2 million fund raising effort. The Contra Costa College Fund was established "to receive donations of any size to assist Contra Costa College and its students, to support studies in their pursuit of higher edu-

cation and to assist Contra Costa College beyond the capability of its annual operating budget." Its vision is to provide a service to the community by offering financial assistance to help improve the quality of life for its citizens through education and training.

There are several funds in the Foundation. I counted 31. They include funds such as the African American Staff Association Fund, the Alpha Gamma Sigma, a Journalism fund, a Computer Fund, English for International Students Scholarship, an NDT Equipment Fund, and others.

Also included are funds established in the name and/or memory of private citizens, such as the Bert Coffey Scholarship (Bert Coffey was one of the founders of the college, and a member of its Board for many years). Some of the memorial funds were established in memory of teachers who had taught at the college since its inception, such as the recently established James Eakle Memorial Scholarship, and the Charles Lovy Scholarship. There are funds for and in honor of the Performing Arts Center, an Hispanic Education/Latino Progress Scholarship and so many more.

Debra Longwood is enthusiastic about the college and about the community which started and supports it.

Something of a newcomer to the area, she has found the warmth of the community and its support of the college very heartening.

She points to its Board of Directors, all volunteers, made up of prominent members of the community, who are dedicated to giving to and raising money for the foundation. In addition to fund raising, the Board "gives me direction," Longwood says. The current president is Sy Zell. Longwood and the board are now looking for additional members who will also dedicate themselves to the Foundation and the college. The board can have up to 21 members. There are presently 14.

Longwood stresses the fact that names and addresses of donors are confidential. The Foundation does not give them out to anyone, and no one can see the records without permission.

She speaks of a feasibility study of what people know about the college, what would motivate people to give or to continue to give; what building improvements and cosmetic improvements are needed, and what basic skills are needed to prepare students in the community. They have identified the needs as, #1, scholarships, #2, Basic skills, finding many students underprepared, and #3

needs of the college, itself. There are 75 projects out there, she says, that need to be prioritized. The board has put in a great deal of time on this, and will be giving it "a whole lot more time."

Contra Costa College is the original college in the system. Diablo Valley and Los Medanos came later. The Foundation, Longwood says, is independent of the college or the district.

She speaks of the many facets of Contra Costa College: Of The Advocate, the campus newspaper that wins awards year after year; of the Performing Arts Center and the Center for Science Excellence, both of which are unique and widely admired; of Contract Education, where they send teachers out to big businesses; and of

the Satellite campus at Hilltop Mall.

And she is enthusiastic about plans for the Sept. 26 celebration of the college's 50th anniversary, which will be held on the Red Oak Victory Ship, and promises to be a most gala affair.

Longwood was self employed before taking on the Foundation. She has made a career of writing the autobiographies of people who want their children and grandchildren to have their stories. "If it is not written down the grandchildren can't see it"

Born in Southern California, Debra attended Cal State, Fullerton, and has done some graduate work. She came to the Bay Area for a job opportunity and decided to stay. She has worked in non profits, particularly in the health field. Her interest in real

estate and the needs of the area led to her meeting with Richmond native John Trouton. They were married this year on Valentines Day. John's primary focus these days is the development of the area along the Richmond Parkway. They share a great love of the community, and a desire to enhance it.

I met Debra Longwood through my son, Josh, and I enjoyed getting to know her and the Foundation.

And I invite everyone to give me your input: interesting people, organizations, events, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.

ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein

June 7, Election Eve Volunteers needed for phoning and leafletting; Janet Seltzer at 526-9360.

NOTE YES on Measure A on June 7, Albany's Strong Schools

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June 3, Instructional Improvement Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room 53

June 4, Senior Awards Assembly followed by Senior Luncheon

June 11, Graduation, 8 p.m., Berkeley Community Theater

June 11, Grad Night Cruise, Mid-night

June 14, PTA Meeting, 7:15 p.m., AHS Library (rescheduled from June

7 due to election; all PTA members urged to volunteer by calling Janet Seltzer at 526-9360)


Albany Middle School

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June 11, 8th Grade Promotion,

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opening night. Hoare has exhibited scores of art works on posts in the bay, but is best known for his Red Baron Triplane and Snoopy Sopwith Camel which delighted motorists on Interstate 80 for years.

Tyler felt the sculptures showed promise, and he liked the way his old friend Ed Hill's students had met the challenge of filling large canvases. He thought the show was especially important for those who did not go on to careers in the field. "This kind of participation opens their eyes to art," he said. "These kids will be art buyers in the future." Music for the event was provided by

the school's District Five band with Andrew Hiran, alto saxophone, Scott Kagawa, trumpet, Peter Waugh, bass, and Oscar Whelan, drums.

The group played tasty, thoughtful jazz reminiscent of Jerry Mulligan and Chet Baker's elegant demonstrations of the proposition that modern jazz need not be loud, tuneless, and chaotic.

Close to a hundred students exhibited their works, and large crowds

came to view them both nights. There were hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, and the kind of atmosphere which develops only in the presence of things which people have crafted with care and love.

Ultimately, the exhibit was more than the sum of what could be seen, heard, eaten, or drunk. It was an artistic creation itself produced by students, teachers, and visitors. This is a rare occurrence in school or out. All those who made it happen may be justly proud.

THE LAW ON TV streets and the law on real streets are often two different things as high school students are finding out from a presentation by Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo.

Murdo and a second-year law student from the University of California's Boalt Hall began instructing students at Albany High in "Street Law" in the early '90s. The program focuses on laws which the kids are most likely to encounter. This year the presentation enlivened govern-

ment classes at Berkeley's St. Mary's College High and Skyline and Oakland highs in Oakland.

"We make these young people aware of the consequences of behavioral choices," says Murdo, a serious student of the Constitution who keeps abreast of the most recent court decisions and often teaches law workshops for fellow police officers.

Murdo says most kids have the misconception from TV and movies that police officers must read them their Miranda rights far more often than the law actually requires. Only when in custody and under interrogation is this "reminder of Fifth Amendment rights" required, according to the chief. Kids also tend to believe that a policeman can't order the driver and passengers out of a vehicle. He can. And frequently the vehicle may be legally searched without a warrant.

A veteran of 26 years of police work, Murdo enjoys interacting with

young folks. "It's fun to see them begin to grasp these legal concepts, even if some don't agree," he says. "I tell them if they don't like the sage, don't blame the messenger."

A SAN FRANCISCO NEWS who came to roost in the chief's office recently wasn't pleased with the message she received. She said she had been looking for the usual political correctness about the banyan bulb. What she received was an explanation of city policy on legal framework within which would be carried out.

Used to whining and complaining, she found the facts dry and uninteresting. And her feathers were ruffled when Murdo refused to close his strategy for reclaiming the desirable area. Telegraphing that would make as much sense as Bill Clinton has demonstrated in Kosovo.

Budget

FROM PAGE A1

campaigning on a platform in which he promised to sign legislation which would return the property tax revenues stolen by the state from cities and counties in the early 1990s, has provided no leadership in getting such legislation passed.

Noting that both Republican and Democratic administrations have made use of this property tax diversion, Pokorny said he thinks the diversion "has now become a permanent part of the funding system in California."

Because of this property tax diversion, which the state began in 1992 to pay for statewide education programs, Pokorny explained that the city only receives about 22 cents for every dollar an El Cerrito business owner or homeowner pays in property taxes.

"This means that 78 cents of every property tax dollar we pay goes elsewhere and only 22 cents is returned by the tax collector to support services provided by the city of El Cerrito," Pokorny said.

As expected, the lion's share of revenues go to public safety departments — police and fire protection services. That sector encompasses 67 percent of the city's discretionary

spending, or about \$7.4 million.

Pokorny said the two departments are funded by four revenue sources: Property taxes, sales taxes, utility user's taxes and the property transfer tax.

Community Services expenditures are budgeted at about \$2.9 million, Community Development at \$2.8 million and Administrative Services at \$1.8 million. Although no department is self-sufficient, each brings in at least some revenue.

Community Services, for example, brings in more than \$1.3 million and the Fire Department provides fire protection to Kensington and is to be reimbursed more than \$1 million.

Next fiscal year, property taxes are expected to bring about \$2.9 million to city coffers; sales taxes will bring in about \$2.4 million and the utility user's tax about \$1.9 million. Additionally, the property transfer tax is expected to bring in about \$625,000, or 4.5 percent of the general fund budget.

Starting July 1, the Redevelopment Agency will have no staff and whatever "minimal services" required during its hiatus will be contracted-

out or provided by the city and charged to the agency.

"The city will receive debt repayments from the agency of approximately \$325,000 in each of the next two budget years," Pokorny told the council.

A new Economic Development Program, as part of the Community Development Department, is budgeted for \$194,373 and 1.95 staff. Information Services, last funded in fiscal year 1996-1997, is funded in the proposed budget at \$361,697.

Mayor Gina Brusatori has proposed that the economic development program be funded on an interim, six-month basis, while the community debates the issue.

At the first of last week's budget study sessions, Councilman Larry Damon said he wanted to see more of a "transition plan" from redevelopment to economic development instead of just a redevelopment "shutdown." Councilman Norman La Force said the council needed to see the "action plan" for economic development before they budgeted it.

City staff reported that they plan such a presentation at the Monday, June 7, council meeting.

PTA

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4 p.m., Berkeley Community Theater

■ June 12, PTA packing day and BBQ Volunteers call Maria Elena Martinez and Peter Rosset at 528-4282.

Cornell Elementary School

June 11, fifth-grade culmination

Marin Elementary School

June 11, fifth-grade culmination

Vista-MacGregor Primary

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■ June 7, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Vista Room 10. Agenda items: planning for next year's after school programs and fundraising; discussion of use of Roundup herbicide on Gill Tract next to Ocean View School.

July 4 Celebration

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AUSD Board of Education

■ June 15, regular meeting p.m., Cornell multi-purpose room.

■ June 29, regular meeting p.m., Cornell multi-purpose room.

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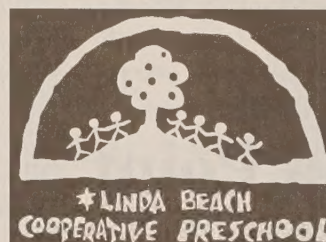
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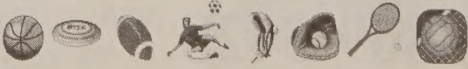
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Gill

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including humans." Roundup is manufactured by the Monsanto Corporation. According to a report by the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Roundup has been linked to number of ailments including lung dysfunction, erosion of the gastrointestinal tract, kidney damage, elevated blood pressure, and damage to the larynx. A press release issued by the CNR said "extensive investigation into alternative methods of Gill Tract weed control has shown that the herbicide is essential for the research experiments underway at the site."

College meets with parents

Parents and representatives from the CNR met at MacGregor School on May 17, and discussed the use of Roundup. Peggy Lemaux, a Cooperative Extension specialist for CNR, and UC professor Steven Lindow distributed Roundup to parents with information about the herbicide and its use in the Gill Tract. Questions were fielded, though according to Dorothea Dorenz, president of the Vista/MacGregor PTA,

many were not answered.

"We were hoping they would do the same as the cities of Albany and Berkeley and find alternative methods to weeding that do not include the use of potentially dangerous chemicals," Dorenz said. "But that didn't happen."

"We are trying to optimize the use of Roundup as much as possible and keep its use to a minimum," said Jill Goetz, a spokesperson from the CNR. "But we do not have plans to discontinue the use of Roundup at the Gill Tract."

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Another ingredient in Roundup has parents and teachers concerned as well.

Known as "surfactants," these chemicals allow glyphosate to penetrate plant cells and kill them.

The surfactant in Roundup "is more acutely toxic than glyphosate itself," according to the Journal of Pesticide Reform. "The combination of the two is yet more toxic," the report states.

Research done by Monsanto states the surfactant in Roundup Ultra is equivalent in toxicity to "aspirin and about one-sixth that of caffeine in acute toxicity tests."

Lemaux and Lindow asserted in their handout that the surfactant in the weed killer is used in "thousands of consumer products, such as soaps, detergents, shampoos and cosmetics."

Yet in another wrinkle, Dr. Marion Moses, chair of the Pesticide Ed-

ucation Center in San Francisco, argues "current regulations require only one chemical to be tested at a time."

According to Moses, such a process is not scientific because it fails to measure the combined effects of a mixture of different chemicals can have on humans.

"By introducing toxic chemicals into our community we are making a Faustian bargain," Moses said.

"Those who pay the highest price are the most vulnerable among us: the fetus, infants, toddlers, pregnant women, cancer victims and survivors, those with asthma, allergies, chemical sensitivity and the elderly," she said.

Parents circulate petition

"Very little is known about the absorption of pesticides and herbicides used around parks and schools because apparently, no studies have been done," Dorenz said.

"The university said they would spray (the Gill Tract) only on Saturday morning," Dorenz continued, "but kids use the field to play soccer and baseball. We want a permanent ban."

Dorenz and other parents have organized a petition drive in an effort to force the issue.

"We demand that the University discontinue use (of Roundup) immediately and refrain from using pesticides and herbicides" at the Gill Tract, reads a petition circulated by parents and residents.

"We are not going to stand by and watch to see if these chemicals cause any harm to our children," Dorenz said. "We are just beginning to organize."

Field

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Wednesday. "Once we found out about it, we took the kids to run around the high trail," Bankson said.

"(The maintenance staff) should have known we run the mile every

Wednesday," Cruz added.

Neither Bankson nor Cruz were aware of any potential dangers associated with the herbicide, which they said is applied beneath the stands and around the track curb at Cougar Field two or three times a year.

"They use it for fire control," Cruz said, pointing at weeds growing be-

neath the stands on the south side of the field.

Hudson said the district is suspending the use of Roundup until more is known about the weed killer, according to Dorothea Dorenz, a member of the Ad Hoc Committee of Albany Parents and Residents Against Pesticides.

Ceremony

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participated at the event, said "I enjoyed singing for them" and that "I just think it was a nice thing to do."

In a talk just after the ceremony, said the memorial is not

only a good way to honor veterans, but that it is also a way to "bridge the age gap between the seniors in our community with young people growing up."

The El Cerrito Veterans Memorial Committee, which began raising funds for the memorial earlier this year, hopes to have it completed and ready for dedication by Veterans Day, Nov.

11. The memorial, funded entirely by private donations, will be set in the gardens and include special paving, benches, a lighted flagpole and a granite memorial stone with inscription.

For more information, call Esther Sergeant at 524-7232. Donations can be sent to: El Cerrito Veterans Memorial Fund, 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA, 94530.



KIDS AND PARENTS supporting Albany schools Measure A gathered at the Lions pancake breakfast at Memorial Park two weekends ago to distribute lawn signs and rally in support of the campaign. Sign distribution, precinct walking and phone banking will continue through Monday.

Measure

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the two-thirds approval level required by state law for tax measures.

"What we're doing is still identifying yes voters by calling them through our phone banking," said Sandy Bender of the Yes on Measure A campaign.

Plans call for continued phone banking through the night before the election, as well as putting out door

hangers and walking precincts.

The campaign has also been working to make sure absentee ballots supporting the measure are turned in and "getting the youth vote mobilized," Bender said.

She said the largest negative reaction has come from residents who question tying the assessment level to the inflation rate. The reason for the inflation provision is that those who helped formulate the measure "simply wanted to make sure that if we start a program this year we will be able to keep it five years from

now," Bender said.

"That has been the biggest negative reaction, but there has still been a positive response from most people."

The district is also sending out notices to publicize the assessment exemption the measure allows seniors. Applications are now available from the district, as well as at the Albany Senior Center and Albany Community Center.

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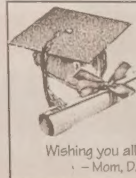
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Houseplants bloom in lively interior design layouts

'Living ornaments' can spruce up home without setting owners back much green

By Julie Bawden Davis
LOS ANGELES TIMES SYNDICATE

When it comes to decorating with houseplants, C.J. Fowler takes the concept to new heights. Not only is every room of her house accented with plants, she even uses greenery as window treatments. "I seldom use curtains in my house," says Fowler, who is the indoor plant buyer for Sunnyside Nursery in San Anselmo.

"Houseplants are great at providing privacy, and they're a lot easier to install than drapes or blinds," Fowler says.

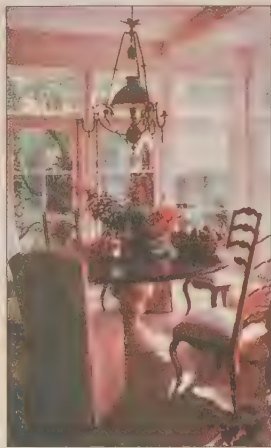
No matter what size your home is, there's always room to decorate with houseplants, which can soften your interior, making the atmosphere more inviting and calming, says Carol Cooper, owner of Hastings & Hastings Florist in Mill Valley.

"Decorating with houseplants is also fun and easy, and an inexpensive way to spruce up your space," she says.

Essentially living ornaments, plants are much less expensive than new furniture or pricey knickknacks. The uses for houseplants as design elements are limitless. Let your imagination lead the way.

Living screens

Choose the right houseplant and you can screen various parts of your home from other areas, or even cover up undesirable sections, such as an ugly corner, or a gash in the wall. Plant screens give the illusion of privacy with an exotic appeal.



Good plants for screening include bushy upright growers such as many ficus, some dieffenbachia, some dracaena, schefflera and Monstera deliciosa (Swiss cheese plant), with its deeply cut attractive foliage and many palms, which offer a jungle feel.

Cissus antarctica and C. rhombifolia are good choices, as are many crotons and Philodendron erubescens, which



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PLANTS do their part to soften harsh lines and define a room's form and mood.

climbs to 6 feet tall with glossy deep-green leaves that have a coppery-red tinge. Syngonium podophyllum (arrowhead vine) only climbs to 4 feet, but it is a bushy plant.

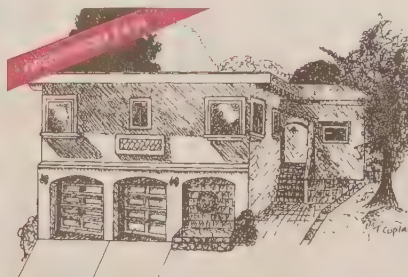
Screening can also be accomplished with hanging plants that can be strung from the ceiling or allowed to spill from high places such as fireplace mantels, stairs and tall bookcases.

Good hanging plants include spider plant, Boston fern, wandering Jew, Swedish ivy, strawberry begonia, tri-

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Bad manners can send your home sale packing

No. 284 in a series of true experiences in real estate

An experience we had with a seller got us to thinking about how much more pleasant it is to deal with people who have good manners than with those who do not.

This woman had her house for sale but she couldn't seem to make herself available to sell it.

The funny thing was that she had a tax problem and needed to sell in a hurry. Yet she kept a lot of people waiting and waiting on her.

It didn't help that she had not loved her house very well. Repairs had been made sloppily. When the garage roof was replaced, no one had bothered to seal the edges, so water came in and rotted the walls and floor.

Our buyer had struggled toward a commitment to this house. Once she had reached it, written a check and signed her name dozens of times confirming that she meant it, no one could get the seller to respond in any way. She said she was busy.

We were left in limbo for 10 days trying phone calls with our buyer and the seller's agent. "Have you heard anything yet?" we asked. "Do

True Experiences



By Tarpo and Talbert

you think she wants to sell?"

There were two offers, good for the seller, but the other buyer and his agent were so enraged by the delay and then by the seller's demand for more money, that they went away. The seller didn't specify how much more money she wanted; she just said she wanted more.

The seller's agent got tired too. Beyond the recurring, "I'm busy," there was no explanation or apology.

When a house is offered for sale, the message the seller sends to buyers is, "Come. Come to me." That's what marketing is all about.

We were there, ready to buy, but what we were hearing from the seller was, "Go. Go away." An odd and maddening situation.

After awhile, our increasingly bewildered buyer began to suffer self-doubt. "Why am I still here?" she asked herself and us. "Why do I want to buy this house owned by this woman? No sense at all?"

It may have been some sort of morbid fascination that finally made our buyer raise her offer by one thousand dollars. Or maybe she couldn't just sit waiting anymore without doing something.

It took more days but, amazingly, the seller accepted. None of us was feeling very celebratory, though. We weren't at all sure what the seller's intentions were, and we still had to inspect the house.

The inspector said, "The roof is completely shot, most down spouts are missing and six or seven roof rafters are cracked or broken."

"Well, that's it," our buyer said, "the last straw. I'd better start look-

ing for another house."

"If you're going to walk away from this one anyway," Anet said, "tell me how you'd feel if the seller provided a new roof and repaired the rafters." "Pretty good," our buyer said. Then, "Fat chance."

So we asked, not hopefully, and were surprised when the seller agreed.

She added that we had better close fast because everything was taking too long.

So we hurried and the day before the house would belong to our buyer, we went to check on the house. Several months before the seller had moved elsewhere, but she had left a number of belongings behind. We wanted to make sure they'd been retrieved.

The seller was there in the house. We'd never met. We said "hello" and asked when she'd be emptying the place. "I'm trying to get my stuff out today. But I don't have a truck. Do you have a truck?"

Anet's the talker, but even she

could not think of anything to say beyond, "No."

What exactly was it that our mothers used to say about good breeding? Certainly they were for it. Undoubtedly they hoped we were getting it.

In our minds, we had a lot to say to the seller, not all of it mannerly: You made a hard time harder for everyone. You didn't trust your agent or use her expertise, which was pretty silly, as you hired her and paid her.

Your objective (selling your house) was obscured and delayed by whatever was going on with you. We never learned if you were crazy, flaky, greedy or what. Instead of allowing

us to help you during the process, we expended most of our energy trying to second-guess you.

You did sell the house but you did it without grace and good will, money than you might have.

We wouldn't have said things out loud to anyone, but might have said this: "It is still in this world today that good will is real and powerful."

Editor's note: This column is scheduled to run in last week's editions. That it did not run was an error for which the editor apologizes.

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The Golden State Lily Society will present the largest lily show in California. Come for Ikebana flower arrangements, display of judged hybrid Asiatic and Oriental lilies, growing information, prizes, door prizes and refreshments. Free admission, \$2 parking, noon to 5 p.m. at Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. 510-232-8041.

Wednesday, June 16

Art Historian Kendall Brown presents work from his new book, including gardens in Golden Gate Park, San Mateo, Montecito, and Hayward. Japanese Style Gardens of the Pacific West Coast. 7 p.m. Builders Booksstore, 1817 Fourth Street, Berkeley. 510 845 6874. Free.

Monday, June 21

Hawaiian night. The Orchid Society of California invites you to a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. Calvin Miyamoto, of the prestigious Miyamoto Orchids of Hawaii, will be the featured speaker. His topic will be "The Art of Hybridizing." Miyamoto and his famous father, Miya, have made more than 5,000 crosses of cattleyas, dendrobiums and vanda orchids. The Society is making the June meeting a Hawaiian night. Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Call Pauline at 925-757-9684 evenings or weekends.

Wednesday, June 23

LIFE Dream House Architect Sarah Susanka presents work from her recent book on small houses, particularly pertinent to our Bay Area lots. The Not So Big House. 7 p.m. Builders Booksstore, 1817 Fourth Street, Berkeley. 510 845 6874. Free.

Thursday, July 1

Oakland building Inspector Redwood Kardon explains some of the quandaries of the electrical code. He also owns and maintains codecheck.com, a Web site devoted to the code check manual. Code Check Electrical. 7 p.m. Builders Booksstore, 1817 Fourth Street, Berkeley. 510 845 6874. Free.

Ongoing

Credit counseling. Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a nonprofit community service organization in Oakland has a series of free workshops. Registration is mandatory. For more information call (800) 501-SAVE.

Discover Oakland's changing skyline, landmarks, churches and high-rises on one of the free guided walking tours sponsored by the city's Community and Economic Development Agency. Call 510-238-3234.

Sick plant clinic. Join University of California pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe from 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of every month for a free Sick Plant Clinic at the UC Botanical Gardens, 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. Drop in with a piece of a sick or a dying plant and Dr. Raabe will diagnose the problem. Call 510-643-2755.

We accept event announcements on a space-available basis. Fax listings for this section to 510-339-4066, write 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619 or send e-mail to jshnyder@icetimes.com.

With a home purchase pending, follow the money

You have finally struck a deal with the seller. You have agreed on the price and the seller will turn the house over to you in 30 days. What happens next?

Usually what occurs next is the buyer's good faith deposit check (also called earnest money deposit) is deposited. The deposit money may be held in a trust account, an escrow account or by an attorney, depending on where you're buying.

In Northern California, the buyer's check usually is deposited into an escrow account. The check is cashed so make sure you have sufficient money in your account.

The buyer's deposit money will apply to the purchase price if the sale goes through. If contract contingencies can't be satisfied, the buyers usually retain the deposit. But if the buyers back out of the deal for a reason not delineated in the contract, the sellers might be entitled to keep the deposit.

The 30 days spent after dispens-

Real Estate Forum

By Dian Hymer



Dian Hymer

"Inspections can wreck deals. It is imperative to get this contingency out of the way quickly."

ing with the deposit (the time between acceptance and closing) are involved in carrying out the terms of the purchase contract. The terms of every purchase contract differ.

Most contracts include a financing contingency, an inspection contingency and a provision for the buyer to confirm that title to the property is free from defects.

The inspection contingency, which allows the buyer to have the property professionally inspected, is usually completed soon after acceptance. Inspections can wreck deals. It's in

both the buyer's and seller's best interests to get this contingency out of the way quickly.

Thirty days isn't much time to secure mortgage approval. In a busy

real estate market, it can take two weeks to get the property appraisal report. After the lender has a com-

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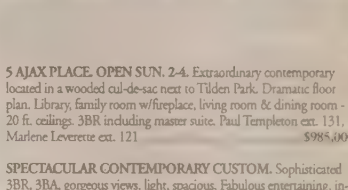
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Premium bonds give buyers their money's worth

While many consumers will not hesitate to spend more for premium ice cream or premium gasoline, some refuse to pay more than face value for their bonds. But you may want to consider the benefits of paying a premium for bonds.

First, let's discuss what is meant by paying a premium for a bond. A bond trades at premium when the price you pay for the bond exceeds the bond's face value (the principal amount you receive when the bond matures).

For example, a bond with a face value of \$1,000 trades at a premium if you pay more than \$1,000 for the bond. Conversely, this same \$1,000 bond trades at a discount if you pay less than \$1,000 for it.

At first glance, you may think that

Money Matters

By Leila Gough



Leila Gough

"The value of a premium bond lies in the higher interest payments you receive while you hold the bond."

paying less than the bond's face value is wisest choice. But not necessarily. Bonds trading at a premium to face value typically offer higher interest rates, or coupons, than bonds selling at a discount. The pre-

mium reflects the fact that the interest rate offered by the bond is higher than current interest rates.

To understand the benefits of premium bonds, you should know the difference between the interest rate paid by the bond and the bond's yield to maturity.

Yield to maturity

The yield to maturity is the return you receive if you hold the bonds until maturity—the date you receive your principal, which equals the face value of the bond. The yield to maturity factors in not only the bond interest rate but also the price paid for the bond.

A discount bond and a premium

bond with similar dates of maturity and credit quality usually will offer similar yields to maturity.

The value of purchasing a premium bond lies not so much in the yield to maturity but in the higher interest payments you receive while you hold the bond.

Because premium bonds typically pay more interest income every year than discount or par bonds (bonds with prices equal to their face value), you will have more cash to reinvest if interest rates increase.

Of course, the opposite is true when rates fall; that is, premium bondholders must reinvest their coupon income at lower rates.

Taxes matter

Taxes are another consideration when buying bonds at a premium. As we have seen, bonds command a premium when they pay coupons above current market rates.

Yet when those premium bonds mature, you can also report the premium paid on taxable bonds as a capital loss. In short, you can review the higher coupons income as well as write off the cost of receiving those higher payments.

You should consult with your tax adviser concerning the tax treatment

of premium bonds in your portfolio.

In today's environment of high interest rates, a bountiful supply of older bonds paying higher than current rates. Consult with a financial professional to find out if paying a premium for bonds makes sense for your portfolio. You may discover that you get what you pay for.

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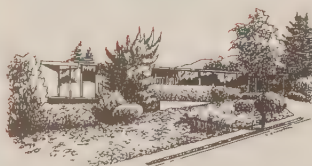
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Environmental inspection pays off

No. 66 in a series

The good folks at the Montclair Village Mailboxes, Etc. had a "Tax Break Party" on April 15. Besides offering food, drinks and extended hours (so that all of us last-minute filers could copy and mail our returns on time) the store collected prizes and prizes from many local merchants and businesses.

Every hour, from 8 a.m. to midnight, they pulled business cards that their customers had dropped into a bowl and awarded prizes.

Montclair Mortgage won a free home inspection from World Inspection Network, Sal D'Onofrio, certified environmental inspector. Sal, a longtime Oakland resident, has been in the business for more than 10 years.

An environmental inspector looks beyond structure and termite, he is trained to test for such things as chemicals, asbestos and radon.

Now, I could understand why Kathy Church and Vickie Reed (the ladies who pretty much run the copy center for Mailboxes, Etc.) matched us up with World Inspection Network when they drew our name. They figured that we could pass it along to one of our clients who were purchasing a home in the area, espe-

Mortgage Madness

By Karen Senzig



Karen Senzig

"It's not unusual when buying one of these classics to find deferred maintenance is needed..."

cially a first time home buyer who might already be struggling to get the down payment together.

The home inspection is just another one of those fees that add up in the closing costs.

Home inspections are an integral part of the purchase process. You need to know and be satisfied about the condition of the property. Your mortgage lender wants to know that the house will stand up to the rigors of the elements and that you are aware of any defects that need to be corrected.

So it makes sense that during a purchase transaction a home in-

spection is warranted.

Most homes in Piedmont and the Oakland-Berkeley hills are of the older charming variety. It is not unusual when purchasing one of these 60- to 70-year-old classics to find quite a bit of deferred maintenance needed. (That's a nice way of saying the house may be a real fixer-upper.)

When you bought your home, you went through the termite, roof and structural inspections and corrected everything that popped up.

Why would anyone who already owned their home need a home inspection?

After you have owned the home for a few years, a home inspection is like a house health check-up. Since we were awarded this gift, I have spoken to many homeowners who make it a practice to have a home inspection every three to four years.

As one of our good friends who has owned his home for 15 years told us, "Why should I wait until I sell my

home to discover damage I could have curbed ten years ago? I would rather spend the inspection fee now and perhaps a few hundred more in preventative maintenance, than find out years down the road that I have a \$20,000 termite problem."

Proper maintenance of your home can have another effect on your pocketbook. If you catch those potential problems early, you won't need to refinance in order to pay for costly repairs later.

It's surprising how even home inspections play a part in Mortgage Madness.

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Any time is the right time for spring-cleaning, but now is the best time.

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Remember: a home in move-in condition will sell quicker and command a better offer. Fixer-uppers bring higher prices.

You don't need it

Go through your home, your garage, and all the areas surrounding your home. If you tend to "collect" things that you are not using, gather them together and take them to a thrift store.

Walk through your home again. This time, search for those things that you haven't looked at once in the past two years. Things that you no longer have a use for are great candidates for a garage sale or a charitable donation. Be ruthless: if you haven't used these things for several years, you are not going to want to pay a mover to move them or to have them take up precious space in your new home.

You don't need it yet

Creative Solutions

By Merra Garcia

This is a good time to think about your next move. How long do you need to make the move? Now that you life is less cluttered, what things can you do without for the next six months or so? Those are the things you could start packing away carefully, marking the boxes well, and organizing them in your closets.

Roll up your sleeves

Give your home a good cleaning. If you don't have the time, hire someone to make your home shine. You may find areas in your home that have gone unnoticed for years.

Get organized

Neaten up those cupboards and closets, and put your everyday things in order. Your home will "show" better, and you will be able to find the things you need! You will discover that by methodically preparing to put your home on the market, you will also be doing those things that will make your move easier.

Pre-listing checklist

Before listing your home for sale,

consider these five points:

■ A fresh coat of paint in a neutral shade can be a big help. New paint says your home is clean, bright and in move-in condition. This gives the new homeowners time before making their own decorating decisions, and is always appreciated. If the exterior paint is in good shape, a good hosing down may be all the home needs for a fresh look.

■ Lighting fixtures are the jewelry of your home. They can not only improve the lighting, but they can also update or dress up a room. As a bonus, fixtures add security to dark areas outside your home, without going to major expense.

■ Window treatments are a must where privacy is important. That means bathrooms, bedrooms and any other room that has privacy issues. Get rid of soiled, torn curtains or drapes, as well as any non-functioning hardware that would only detract from an otherwise lovely window.

Inexpensive shades, blinds, etc. can provide an immediate comfort level. The new homeowners can change them at their leisure.

■ Floors should be as clean as possible. If floors are badly worn or soiled, it may be to your advantage to install new carpeting, refinish wood floors or offer the new owners a credit

to put toward their own selections.

■ Landscaping need not be manicured, but should look tidy. A beautifully planted pot of flowers or a favorite plant will add a welcome touch to any entry, and you can take it with you! If your property is badly neglected, at least have someone come and do some trimming and shaping. Hedge your bets. Your property will have more curb appeal.

By paying attention to these details, you will proceed with confidence when placing your home on the market. And, when house-hunting, you will be more knowledgeable about the challenges ahead.

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By Don Pearman



Don Pearman
"My house is particularly attractive to the little critters because of its 'Winchester Mystery House' background..."

I call my house "Chez Don," and Chez Don has had, of late what seems like a convention of rats attempting to set up permanent residence here. It's not that I am a slovenly housekeeper or that the Pied Piper of Hamelin walked through and left off several dozen. It's just that my house is particularly attractive to the little critters because of its "Winchester Mystery House" background and its location near places where many of the rodents enjoy life in the wild but long to become domestic.

I have lived in this house for six years. When I bought it I knew that it had been built in the 1920s and was remodeled several times.

As a contractor, I have done several things to it myself. It was, in fact, when I went to redo the foundation and the downstairs that I discovered how interestingly the house had been altered before my time.

When I took off the interior wall of the downstairs bedroom, I was surprised to discover, behind the lath and plaster, not interior wall framing but an exterior wall facing another exterior wall!

Whoever had decided to add on an upstairs living room and a downstairs bedroom had, instead of building on in the conventional manner, tacked a complete two-room, two-story structure onto the back of the existing one-story house.

As the house sits on a hill, with the back of the house on the downhill slope, the top story of the added structure, a gymnasium with birdseye maple floor, became a living room at the back of the house, while the lower part of the structure be-

came a bedroom. The gym structure had been on a local park that had been turned into a housing development and the owners of my house had simply bought the gym and used it to extend their house.

In the process of putting these two structures together, an ingenious idea, I think, they added a new roof two feet above the old existing roof

which, in turn, made an ideal home for rattus rattus, more commonly known as roof rats.

At first, the critters were quite unobtrusive, and I did not think much about them. Unfortunately, this situation was not to last for long. One of them took up the habit of chew-

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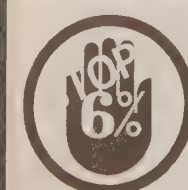
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Even though it's still a hot seller's market, not all homes are in demand. A quick sale these days means receiving an offer within the first week the property comes on the market. The recently been through a very tedious process of representing a seller who was an absentee owner living out of state. The seller had been reading about the brisk market in the Bay Area and was convinced her property would sell even with a hefty price tag. Before putting the house on the market our first order of business was to do repairs which involved several weeks of work. The seller and I decided to establish the asking price just before placing the house on the multiple listing service. At that time, I prepared a com-

Curb Appeal

By Gayle Tantau



Gayle Tantau

"Even after the home was on the market for only a couple of weeks, buyers would ask, 'What's wrong with it?'"

parative market analysis to determine the value of the subject property. According to the seller, the comparable sales I came up with were, in her mind, not at all comparable.

She was not happy with the sale prices. She kept saying that her house was so much better than all the others.

The seller also disputed the living square footage as determined by the Assessor's Office. She said their figure was wrong even though there were other houses on her street with the exact same square footage.

The seller had spent several thousand dollars on repairs and expected a nice return for her money and that was that.

Unfortunately for the seller, the repairs did not change the unchangeable features of the house. Even though she didn't think so, her house was considerably smaller than the closest comparable sales and it also had one very unattractive feature that could not be changed.

The house experienced four price reductions before receiving an offer. During that time period the seller kept saying it must be the weather or the season that is keeping the buyers away. On the contrary, I told her the spring is traditionally the best selling season of the year and the inclement weather does not keep today's buyers away.

As time went on, the house received fewer and fewer showings by agents and their buyers. At the Sunday open houses buyers would ask, "How long has it been on the market?" Even after it was on the market for only a couple of weeks, the buyers would ask, "What's wrong with it?"

The problem was that it was overpriced. When buyers see that a house is overpriced they usually will

not want to make an offer. They don't want to waste their time with an unrealistic and unreasonable seller.

By the time we reached the fourth price reduction, the house had clearly become stale on the market. It had been on the market about six weeks and in this fast seller's market, six weeks is considered a long time. As this last price reduction was a substantial one, it did generate new buyer interest.

The house then received an offer. The seller accepted it after a couple of counter offers. The selling price was satisfactory, but I believe the seller could have done a little better if the house had been priced correctly in the first place. The seller learned a very difficult lesson and I guess some people have to learn the hard way.

Additionally, overpricing the house caused the seller a great deal of needless stress. Certainly quality of life needs to be considered.

Obviously, the moral of the story is to be realistic and reasonable. Sellers should think about the words, "fair market value." If the asking price is fair, chances are the seller will be successful. Even if the asking price is on the low side, the seller is likely to receive multiple offers that will boost up the price.

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REAL ESTATE BOOK REVIEW

'Mortgages for Dummies' puts education first

By Broderick Perkins
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

Distracted by multiple offers, skyrocketing home prices and the task of finding a home when so few are available, it's not surprising you can't focus on financing the deal.

The mortgage maze exacerbates the already woefully esoteric home buying transaction and, frankly, you don't mind being considered a bit of a dummy about mortgages if that'll get someone to hold your hand through the process.

"Mortgages for Dummies," (IDG Books, \$16.99) was written for you. "Education is key. Mortgages are a field with a lot of jargon," said Eric Tyson, co-author of the latest "Dummies" guide for real estate consumers.

"As a financial counselor, I have people call and they are in a panic. But when you get them to back up,

they haven't really done the soul searching and analysis needed for such an important decision," said Tyson, who co-authored the book with San Francisco real estate broker Ray Brown.

The Brown-Tyson combination has already scored best sellers with

IDG's "Home Buying for Dummies" and "House Selling for Dummies" (\$16.99 each) and in a market with such a penchant for home buying, it's likely the mortgage addition will be just as popular.

Along with the proven Brown-Tyson punch, the fun-to-read book

is peppered with wisecracks and IDG's trademark icons — a magnifying glass advising you to investigate an issue, a bull's-eye for tips and bombs that warn. The book's Web page-like design includes an insightful cartoon opening each section,

relevant quotes from the quotable, past and present, and anecdotal sidebars throughout, all to help lighten a heavy topic.

Not a hand-me-down book to shelve after you buy a home, the Dummies mortgage manual covers

second mortgages, refinanced mortgages, equity loans, reverse mortgages (with information courtesy Ken Scholen and the National Center for Home Equity Conversion) and

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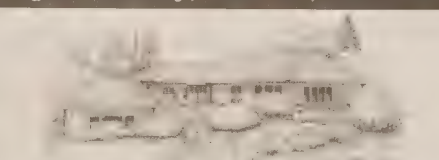
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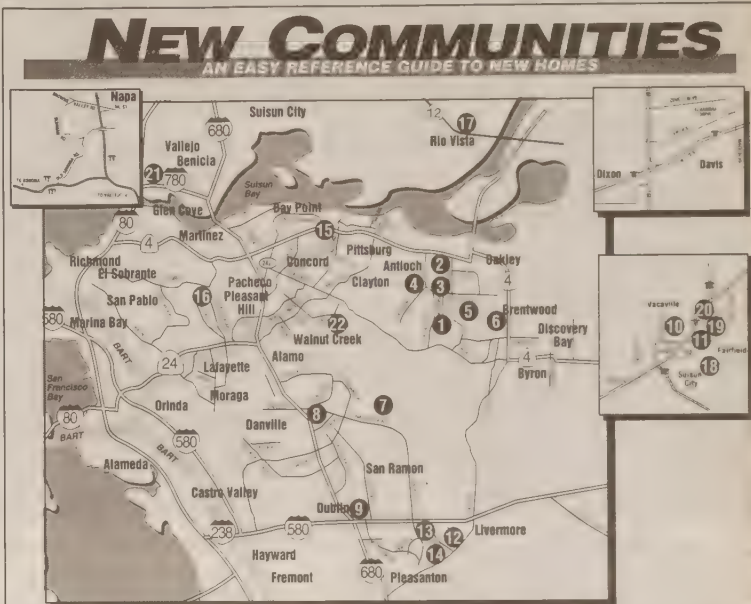
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SAINT JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Berkeley is an example of Craftsman-style architecture, not First Bay Tradition as we reported in a photo caption with Mark Wilson's story last week.

Julia Morgan, the first independently practicing female architect in American history, was in every way the equal of Maybeck, her mentor and close friend. Only in recent years has Morgan come to be recognized as one of the great creative geniuses of 20th-century American architecture. An incredibly prolific and energetic professional, she designed more than 700 buildings during her 40-year career. Today, she is most admired for the serene, intimate, innovative, and thoroughly livable qualities of her taste-

fully designed domestic architecture.

Her modest Mediterranean-flavored **Walter Starr House**, designed in 1911 at 216 Hampton Rd. in Piedmont, contrasts dramatically with her supreme exercise in the Craftsman mode, **Saint John's Presbyterian Church**, designed in 1908 on College at Derby Street in Berkeley. Even a fleeting glimpse of such well-designed structures shows why Julia Morgan is considered a major force in the First Bay Tradition.

Mark Wilson

Realtors take to adventure on USS Hornet

Legislation tops issues at regional conference

From staff reports

You have got to take seriously any event that says on its invitation, "Dress appropriately — the Hornet is a war ship, not a cruise ship."

One hundred real estate professionals met aboard the Hornet on April 21 for a catered morning of focus groups to discuss regional, national and international brokerage community concerns.

Of particular interest to California Association of Realtors President Diana Bull are new developments in the federal arena, such as the 1998 increase in FHA loan limits.

According to Bull, California Realtors should be proud of C.A.R.'s lobbying efforts which led to an increase in the FHA maximum loan limit to \$197,620.

"That paved the way for an additional 4,600 California households eligible to use the FHA program each year," Bull said.

Other highlights on the legislative scene discussed aboard the Hornet:

Risk management

C.A.R.-sponsored legislation reduces Realtor members' exposure to lawsuit abuse by requiring transaction documents (deposit receipts, rental agreements, etc.) include a provision disclosing that information on registered sex offenders is available from local law enforcement.

Private property rights

C.A.R. protects private property rights by members' business interests by supporting environmental laws such as the Endangered Species Act and by helping to defeat legisla-



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS President Diana Bull and Senior Vice President for Government Affairs Alex Creel are ready to sail. The two lead Realtors from Alameda, Oakland, Berkeley, SACAR, West Contra Costa, Delta and Contra Costa associations in a day of activities designed to focus on changing times. The "Realtor Adventure" took place April 21 aboard the USS Hornet at Alameda Point in Alameda.

tion giving "no-growth cities" tools to stop development.

Landlord/tenant utility liens

C.A.R.-sponsored legislation makes clear that municipal and public utilities may not lien a landlord's property for water and sewer bills owed by a tenant.

Following the focus groups, Realtors were given a tour of the famed aircraft carrier.

The Navy has donated the USS

Hornet to the Aircraft Carrier Hornet Foundation for use as a museum. She is currently moored at ex-NAS Alameda (now Alameda Point) pier

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Plants

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pogandra (bridal veil), aeschynanthus, senecio (German ivy) and callisia (inch plant).

Climbing plants are also useful, as they can screen boring walls or less than exciting areas of your home. Although not all vines climb willingly on their own, with some help and support, many can be trained to travel any direction, some eventually traversing a room.

Provide climbers with something to grow on like poles, trellises or even stairway railings. You can attach a system of wires and strings to a wall and let a plant cover the area.

Good climbing plants include clerodendrum (bleeding heart vine), with its white and bright red striking flowers, pothos, various ivies, fatshedera, hoyia (wax plant), many philodendrons and syngonium.

Make a dramatic statement

If a large stately piece of furniture or a captivating painting aren't in your budget, try strategically placing an eye-catching plant or two in

highly visible areas of your home.

Types of plants that will turn heads vary, but include crotons, which make a striking statement with their colorful variegated foliage that is often a mixture of deep green, red and yellow. Many grow to three feet and some can even reach six feet. They come in a variety of leaf forms, from long and pointed to short and broad.

Other good choices include some dracaenas and bird of paradise, which has striking bright orange and blue flowers. Norfolk Island pine is a graceful pine tree that can reach 10 feet tall, and is often used as an indoor Christmas tree.

Another eye-catching addition to the home is the unusual succulent, Beaucarnea recurvata, which is known as the ponytail plant because its long stem is topped by a ball of palm-like leaves that resemble a head of hair.

Phoenix roebelenii is a true palm that has an attractive trunk and green, droopy fronds that reach about three feet long. It can be especially impressive standing alone at night with spot lighting.

Many ficus can be stately, including the rubber tree plant (ficus elastica), which was a favorite in the Victorian era for its large oval-shaped

"Decorating with house plants means being discriminating about what plants you buy. Before purchasing any plant, think clearly about what it is you want to accomplish."

Carol Cooper, owner of Hastings & Hastings Florist in Mill Valley.

shiny leaves going up a single stem. Well-placed orchids are also a good choice for attracting attention.

Balance color, texture, shape

For a coordinated look, match your room color and design theme with house plants. There is a wide variety of plants with colorful foliage, and some even flower. Even the texture and shape of plant leaves can high-

light certain aspects of your decor.

Tie the red flowers of a kalanchoe in with the red in your kitchen curtains. Or accent the pinks and mauves in a sofa with the pink polka dot plant (hypoestes), which is covered with splashes of pink. In winter, cyclamen with its pastels, combine with many interior aspects.

Flowering plants include orchids, which come in a wide variety of styles and colors, clivia (kaffir lily), spathiphyllum (peace lily), sinningia (gloxinia), African violets, geraniums (pelargonium), bromeliads, clerodendrum (bleeding heart vine), Aeschynanthus radicans (lipstick plant), Aphelandra, cane begonia, crossandra, Hoya bella, Ixora coccinea, malpighia coccigera and triogandra (Tahitian bridal veil).

When it comes to leaf textures and shapes, there is a wide variety to choose from. You'll find leaves that are glossy, leathery, corrugated, downy, velvety, spiny and waxy. As far as leaf shape, leaves can be thin and elegant, small and pointy, thick and strap-like and shiny and large.

Consider containers

One of the easiest ways to decorate with house plants is to choose

the right containers.

"You can find a container or basket to fit just about any decor, from a Ming vase, down to a used coffee can, if you're looking for a country look," says Fowler. "They have colorful pots in various shapes, sizes and styles."

Fowler likes to use a wide variety of containers for her plants, including tall thin baskets which she fills with newspaper. Then she sets trailing plants on top of the newspaper so that the plant's foliage spills down the sides.

Before buying...

Decorating with house plants means being discriminating about what plants you buy. Before pur-

chasing any plant, think clearly about what it is you want to accomplish.

"You need to be able to place the plant in your house, measuring the space when you're planning your decor. I also consider the space when you're measuring the space when you're planning your decor."

Also consider the environment. An area offers a plant. If the space that will limit you to low-light like aspidistra (cast-iron) or spathiphyllum (peace lily), can solve the lighting problem by stalling grow-lights.

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Rattus

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on something at three in the morning, and this reverberated with my ceiling, causing me one to chase the noise around with a broom handle into the wee hours of the night to get it to move on.

So you might imagine, at 8 the morning I was at my local hardware store, researching traps and poisons that I might use in order to eliminate the new boarders at Chez Don. My first attempt was with the sticky rat-trap, like peanut butter on the pad and gets stuck to the rat's surface. You then gingerly pick up the pad and rat and dispose of the package in what ever humane way you choose.

Never got to step two, the one where you get to dispose of the thing. The rats were not only extremely clever in unsticking themselves, they were also capable of detaching a few of my nice rugs by pulling the sticky trap stuck to the rug. They made their trapless exit, but not unstuck.

I then decided to go back to the rat trap with which I promised to trap one at a time. I remembered what by now had turned into an extended family of rattus rattus. The system, although messy, and occasionally scary when setting off the traps, accidentally and trapping a finch was finally successful in riding the house of that year's horde.

So far, they have not returned. I'm contemplating what I'll have to do in order to rat-proof Chez Don:

Tear off both the roofs and install a new one.

"So far, they have not returned. I'm contemplating what I'll have to do in order to rat proof Chez Don..."

Don Pearman

■ Make sure that all the blocking and connections to the walls are made with great attention preventing holes, knowing that a rodent can squeeze through what seems to be an impossibly small space.

■ Make sure that the counters are perfectly clear at all times and the cabinets have storage only in glass and plastic. My style of decor is sort of Victorian clutter and it's very difficult to go for the high-tech bare look.

■ Pull out the stove and refrigerator and seal up any holes in the plumbing installations behind them.

■ Eliminate all the spaces left by the Mystery House remodeling jobs: spaces that would not have been there if the house had never been altered.

At this point, I'm slowly but surely eliminating the places that the little guys might enter through and live in.

I should only live so long.

Don Pearman is a northern California contractor and author of *The Termite Report: How to Save Your Home from Pests, Rot and Earthquakes*. Address questions to 2001 Hoover Ave., Oakland, CA 94602.

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plete financial package from the buyer, including the appraisal report, the package is sent to underwriting for review and final approval. So get to work lining up your financing as soon as your offer is accepted.

Make sure that you and the seller agree on the contract contingency and closing dates. If there is a discrepancy, clear it up quickly. You don't want to discover on the 26th day that you and seller disagree on the closing date, and that it will be impossible for the seller to change his plans.

At some point — the earlier, the better — you should carefully review the title report. It's wise to have a professional — attorney or escrow officer — explain the report to you.

You want to make sure that you will receive clear and marketable title to the property. You will also need to decide how you want to take title to the property when the property transfers into your name.

How you hold title has estate planning ramifications. Consult with an attorney specializing in title issues if you have any questions.

In addition, you'll need to take care of the following details during

the closing period: comply with any state or local ordinances that are required when a property transfers ownership; line up homeowners insurance, interview and hire movers, have mail forwarded, settle with utility companies, and schedule a final walk-through inspection.

The walk-through gives you the opportunity to make sure the house is as it should be, according to your contract. It's also a time to pick the seller's brain about the idiosyncrasies of the house and to get names and phone numbers of good contractors. Your real estate transaction could be more complicated than this. The more contract contingencies there are, the more complicated the deal will probably be.

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Dummies

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construction loans, as well as first mortgages.

"Mortgages for Dummies" walks you through the loan qualifying process, tells you how to find a loan that fits your needs, helps you select a lender and shows you (with lots of illustrated documents) how to tackle the mountain of mortgage paperwork. The guide also deciphers mortgage mumbo-jumbo along the way.

As books are, it is presented in the typical chapter after chapter linear format, but it doesn't demand that you read it that way.

"What's best about it is that it's very modular. Each chapter can be a stand-alone chapter, but if you need to bring something from another chapter, it will tell you," says Brown.

Chapter 5, "Special Situation Loans," for example, includes the comment, "By the way, we use much loan lingo in this chapter. If you haven't read Chapter 3 ("Fathoming the Fundamentals") yet, now's an ideal time to peruse it. Nudge. Nudge."

Ironically, the mortgage book doesn't assume you are shopping for a mortgage. Instead, it begins by

helping you determine if you can afford one. Chapter One "Determining Your Borrowing Power" gets you going by examining your fiscal future with a mortgage in the mix.

"A lot of people don't look at the whole financial situation when they are trying to determine which mortgage is best," said Tyson.

Unless you do, you could end up with a mortgage that ruins your home economics.

"I don't want to make it sound like there's a big conspiracy, but the more money you borrow the more the lender makes, the more the real estate agent makes. The people involved in the transaction don't have any interest in cautioning you from borrowing the maximum," said Tyson.

Along with the obligatory glossary, amortization and remaining balance tables, "Dummies" guides are known for their "Part of the Tens," nuggets of concentrated advice and information.

No dummies about today's housing consumer, Tyson and Brown were smart to include a "Ten Tips for Using the Internet's Mortgage Sites."

Among the tips, the list names Palo Alto-based E-loan (www.eloan.com) and HSH Associates (www.hsh.com).

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Caution keyword in mortgage

'Dummies' book lists 10 useful tips for consumers

■ **Don't let lenders tell you what you can afford.** The loan approval amount could saddle you with more debt than you can handle. It's up to you to determine how much you can afford.

■ **Don't confuse prequalifying with preapproval.** A loan prequalification is a preliminary perusal of your finances to give you a ballpark estimate of how much you could qualify for if a more thorough examination of your finances checks out. Preapproval is that more thorough look at your credit worthiness and ability to pay. It should come with a written guarantee for a specific loan amount. Sellers look more favorably upon buyers with preapprovals because they indicate a serious buyer.

■ **Avoid loans with prepayment penalties.** If you need to change your mortgage after a short period, these loans can cost you.

■ **Don't reflexively grab a fixed-rate mortgage.** Fixed-rate mortgages may be easier to understand, but if you aren't going to live in a home very long, an adjustable rate loan could be cheaper.

■ **Avoid 125 percent home equity loans.** These equity loans cost more than typical equity loans, all

the mortgage interest may not be deductible, and they heap more debt on your home than it's worth. Some of these loans and their lenders have been the target of government and class-action suits for taking advantage of vulnerable home owners with limited ability to repay them.

■ **Avoid mortgage brokers with hidden agendas.** Steer clear of brokers who insist on balloon notes or negative amortization adjustable mortgages. He or she is sacrificing your best interests for a higher commission.

■ **Shun adjustable-rate mortgages with negative amortization.**

These loans carry balances that get larger, rather than smaller each month. Just say "No!"

■ **Don't refinance by the 2 percent rule.** The outdated rule advises you not to refinance unless the interest rate is at least 2 percentage points less than the old rate. Instead, base your refinance rate on the amount of time you plan to stay put after you refinance. If you'll recoup the cost of the loan in that time, it doesn't matter how much lower the new rate is.

■ **Don't assume that all reverse mortgages are the same or bad.** If you are 62 or older you can convert

your home equity into a reverse mortgage. The reverse mortgage is paid off when you sell or die. Reverse mortgages vary a lot from how much you receive to the terms of the loan. Get sound financial advice to get the best loan with the least risk.

■ **Avoid mortgage life insurance.** Life insurance is a better way to protect your family's financial future.

Source: Mortgage

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30**

7173 NORFOLK RD., Claremont Hills. 4+/-2. **New listing.** Fantastic \$1,250,000 new contemp by August Co. Serene setting. Bay & city views. Quality construction. Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460

1700 GRANDVIEW DR., Oakland/Berkeley Hills. Splendid new 5/4 **\$1,150,000** Spanish Med. Courtyd. 3 decks w/bay vws. Pacific Union, Joe Knowland 339-6460

921 AQUARIUS WAY, Montclair. 5bd/3.5ba. **1st open!** Sophisticated **\$825,000** & new. Great rm. Luxury mstr. Quality. Pacific Union, David Ichikawa 339-6460

6077 FAIRLANE, Montclair. 3+/-2.5. Elegant light, space & angles. **\$769,000** vws. 2 frpls. State of art kit/family rm. Prudential CA, Nancy Hinkley 428-0900

6037 FAIRLANE DR., 5bd/3+ba new construction w/spacious rms. **\$768,000** Level play area. SF bay views. Deck. Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

931 LEO WAY, Montclair. 5bd/3ba. Space. Light. Yard. Formal dining room. Family room. LaSalle Properties, Tom Nemeth 339-8900

120 CALVERT CT., Exquisite contemp in uniquely serene setting. **\$657,500** Perfect for in/out living & entertaining! GRUBB Co, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

1451 MOUNTAIN BL., Storybook Cape Cod. Fernwood district. 3/3.5. **\$625,000** Top quality. Fine taste. Rumpus. Gardens. GRUBB Co, Katherine Cooper 339-0400

5744 BUENA VISTA, Upper Rockridge. 3bd/2+ba w/SF & Bay vws. **\$599,000** Fab kit w/French drs to terrace. Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460

6040 ASPINWALL, Montclair. 4bd/2ba. Has perfect home office **\$595,000** set-up. Oversized 2-car gar & off-st parking. Homes-Link, George 748-5300

3227 CRANE WAY, Mediterranean retreat w/bay vws & level gardens. **\$589,000** 3bdrms, exceptional kitchen, fine details. GRUBB Co, Michelle Winchester 339-0400

5299 HARBOR DR., Enjoy the best of 1942 architecture! Hdws, **\$585,000** spacious bdms, den, rumpus, and rose garden. GRUBB Co, Anian Tunney 339-0400

6045 ESTATES DR., Fab top to bottom redesign. Grt location! 4bd/3b. **\$585,000** EIK, fam rm, formal LR, cathedral ceiling, vw. GRUBB Co, Judy Rankankan 339-0400

6625 AITKEN, Montclair. 3bd/2+ba private wooded retreat. **\$569,000** Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Ben-David 869-4205

750 ARIMO AVE., Crocker, Mediterranean charmer! **1st open!** 3+bd. **\$549,000** Remod kit, fab terrace garden. Coldwell Banker, Pat Whittingslow 339-1174

7117 THORNHILL DR., Montclair. 4+/-bd/3.5ba. Remodel. Mstr w/ **\$549,000** private entry. Yard. View. LaSalle Properties, Mel Copland 339-8900

8 KESWICK CT., Sophisticated yet comfy w/frpl in bdrm. 4th be & ba on **\$549,000** entry level/grt for office. Open LR/DR/kitchen. GRUBB Co, Debra Dryden 339-0400

1831 MANZANITA DR., Dramatic contemp w/ 3-bridge w/lt vaulted **\$549,000** ceilings, aural suite, patio, decks. 4/2+ & den. GRUBB Co, Carin Caroe 339-0400

1771 NORTHWOOD CT., Montclair. **1st open!** 4+bd. Pano vw from **\$525,000** 2-level LR, study, fenced yd. Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000 X263

50 BIEHS CT (off Harbor Dr) Upr Rockridge. **New on market!** 4/2.5 **\$499,000** on 1/4 ac. 2 frpls, kit/family rm compo. Patio. Gardens. Owner 547-1636 **1-5**

5555 ESTATES, Montclair. Stunning architect designed contemporary. **\$489,000** 3+/-bd/2.5ba. Lg pvt lot. Marvin Gardens RE, Juliana Wynberg 215-9901 **1-4**

6115 HARWOOD, Rockridge. **New listing!** Fab location! Bright 3/2 **\$475,000** trad'l w/enchanting garden. Full bsmt w/studio. Many extra features. Templeton Company, Ron Egberman 652-2133 X127

75 STARVIEW DR., Oakland/Berkeley Hills. Smashing 3bd/2+ba **\$468,000** contemp twnm. Totally refurbished. Garden. Pacific Union, Bonnie Hirsch 339-6460

6738 BANNING, Dramatic 3+/-2 Montclair home. City sophisticated. **\$459,000** Rm for grand piano & art work. Patio. Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum 339-1174

6911 PINEHAVEN DR., Montclair. 3bd/2.5ba contemporary. Vaulted **\$459,000** beam ceilings. Decks. Updated. LaSalle Properties, Ed Lindorfer 339-8900 **2-5**

3415 RUBIN DR., Joaquin Miller. **NEW LISTING.** 3bd/2ba w/bay **\$450,000** views from all rms. Fam rm, 3 frpl, pool. Prudential CA, Cynthia Boze 898-9442

6874 MOORE DR., Montclair. Superb 3+/-3 contemp in wooded setting. **\$449,950** Gym vws, 2-car garage. Quality. Prudential CA, Andrew Sussman 845-0200

4058 LYMAN DR., Charming light-filled vintage hme. Formal LR & DR. **\$399,000** 3/2 plus bonus rm. Kit w/bkfst rm. Grt backyard. GRUBB Co, Judy Cain 339-0400

438 ELYSIAN FIELDS DR., Sequoyah. 4bd/3.5. Exceptional ranch! **\$395,000** 2 frpls, EIK, FDR. Rebuilt in 1987. Richardson RE, Georgia Richardson 569-3499

2382 THACKERAY DR., Montclair. Charming 3bd/2ba split level w/ **\$389,000** remod kitchen, brkfst rm, hdws. Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174

1833 WOODHAVEN WAY, Montclair. 5+/-2.5 upslope contemporary. **\$389,000** Beam ceilings, split-lvl, grt location. Richardson RE, Georgia Richardson 569-3499

4031 WATERHOUSE RD., Oakmore. Charming English cottage. 2/1 w/ **\$329,000** hdws, updt kitchen, rose garden. Montclair Better Homes 482-9000

2690 CARISBROOK, Montclair. 2bd/2ba private contemporary. **Now...\$325,000** Mstr bdrm suite, den, updt kit. 2-car gar. Starr RE, Lisbeth Hibbard 843-5676

272 BEAU FOREST, Montclair. 2bd/1ba. **Just listed!** Gardener's **\$325,000** paradise! Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

587 VALLE VISTA, Grandlake. Classic Rose Gardens Trad'l. 4bd/2ba **\$325,000** on 3 mls. Refin hdwd floors, new paint in, exc. in-law potential. Deep lot. Nr shops and cafes. Red Oak Realty, Billy Karp 527-3387 X185

7210 SAYRE DR., Lovely Montclair Contemporary. 3bdms. 1+ba. **\$319,000** Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Erik Johnson 869-4246

4300 COOLIDGE AVE., Lincoln Hts. City Views! 40's charm w/great **\$314,000** detail, condition & fr plan. FDR, EIK. Cul-de-sac. Coldwell, Rachel Baller 339-1174

4995 STACY, Grass Valley. Spacious 4bd/2.5ba family home. Lg kit. **\$310,000** Side yard for boat or R.V. Montclair Better Homes 339-8400

67 GLENEDEN AVE., Piedmont Ave. Charming 3/2 trad'l w/lg EIK, FDR, **\$310,000** & hdwd floors throughout. Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Nancy Hinkley 644-5440

3142 CARLEN ST., Laurel. **New listing!** Charming 2/1 Tudor with **\$299,000** separate 1/1 cottage. Pvt lot. Bay vw. Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

59-61 HAMILTON PL., Lake Merritt. 3-unit Victorian on quiet cul-de- **\$299,000** sac. Garden. Grt investment or owner occupant. Prudential CA, 845-0200 **2-5**

3940 ARDLEY AVE., Glenview trad'l on tree-lined st. 2+bd, FDR, **\$299,000** brkfst rm, refinished floors. Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 531-7000 X237

3460 BIRDSALL AVE., Maxwell Park. 4bd/2ba. Den, dining room. **\$295,000** Spacious 2339 sq. ft. Luxurious mstr bdrm. View. Roy Pozick 654-3457

1000 MANDANA, Crocker Fixer. 4bd/2ba Mediterranean waiting to be **\$289,000** restored. FDR. Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174

99 SHADOW MOUNTAIN, Sequoyah Hts. Stylish townhsm w/smashing **\$285,000** SF bay vw! 3/2.5, dbl gar, garden, deck. Coldwell Banker, Lani Dy 339-1174

4117 EMERALD ST., Temescal. 2bd/1ba charming bungalow w/frpl, **\$279,000** FDR, updt kit. Sweet garden. **New listing.** Pacific Union, Nancy Moore 339-6460

209 CAPRICORN, Montclair. Darling 2bd/1ba. **New listing.** Terrific **\$269,000** condition. Deck, hdws, wooded setting. Pacific Union, Sandi or Dick 339-6460

410 41ST ST., Temescal. **NEW LISTING!** **1st OPEN!** Renovated **\$269,000** bungalow. 2bd/1ba. Garage converted for home office/artist studio. Lawton Associates, Ron Lawton 547-5970 **1-5**

3744 DELMONT AVE., Hillmont. Gorgeous 3+/-2 w/pano views of bay. **\$250,000** Possible in-law set-up. Prudential CA, Uli Irosi 273-9444 **SAT & SUN 2-4**

5035 TRASK ST., Maxwell Park. Exciting remodeled 3bd/2ba. Family **\$245,000** and bonus rms. Spacious. Wd floors. 2 frpls. Coldwell Banker, Joan Alford 339-1174

3006 MORCOM, Maxwell Park. 3+bd/2ba. Sunny & bright w/hdws. **\$220,000** Prudential CA Realty, Dollie Henson 869-4255

3733 RANDOLPH AVE., Glenview. 2+/-1 sunny bungalow w/lots of **\$210,000** original details. Lg plus rm. Big backyard. Prudential CA, Rose Jellison 428-0900

5290 BROADWAY TR., Rockridge. Prudential CA. 2bd/2ba. Grt location close **\$195,000** to BART & College Ave shops & dining. GRUBB Co, Ashley O'Neill 339-0400

3917 LINCOLN AVE., Laurel Starter. 2bdm. Fresh & Bright! Wd floors. **\$189,000** Lg EIK, bsmt storage, wrap deck, nw roof. Coldwell Banker, Rachel Baller 339-1174

180 CALDECOTT LN #306, 1bd/1ba top floor unit w/vaulted ceilings. **\$179,900** Faces up/down. Was model bldg. Prudential CA, Chris Neddersen 527-0174 **2-5**

388 SANTA CLARA # 103, 1bd/1ba, 1019 sq ft executive condo. **\$179,500** Study w/closet and add'l 1/2 bath. Carol Warren 652-4800

322 HANOVER #320, China Hill. Condo w/a view! 2/2 w/grt kitchen, **\$167,500** frpl, washer/dryer, parking, balcony. Coldwell Banker, Donna Conroy 339-1174

3967 MARION, Laurel district. Adorable cottage in secluded yd w/ **\$159,000** fruit trees. Fresh paint. Laundry rm. Finished bsmt. Reports available. Move in! Wells & Bennett, Carol Robbiano 531-7000 X292

3225 HIGH ST #203, Laurel district. Lovely 2bd/2ba condo. **\$159,000** 2-car garage. LaSalle Properties, Gregory Taboloff 339-8900

10 MOSS #34, Piedmont Ave. Top floor/2bd/2ba. 60's bldg. Y2K unit! **\$137,500** Come see this hidden treasure! Prudential CA, Brian Williamson 287-9281

525 MANDANA BL #103, Lakeshore. Pristine 1bd/1ba. Close to shops, **\$87,000** dining & transportation. Prudential CA 845-0200, Nancy McGraw 869-4648

6630 MacARTHUR BL #15, 2bd/1ba condo. Garage. Deck. Great for **\$68,800** first time buyer! Prudential CA Realty, Lisa Young 834-2010

ALAMEDA **OPEN SUNDAY**

2033 CENTRAL AVE., 6bdrms. 6 baths. Krusi Mansion - A Historic **\$989,000** Masterpiece. Please ring bell. Homes-Link, The Gadsbys 748-5300 **1-4**

1809 ST CHARLES ST., Lg hme set up like duplex. 3bd/1ba up. **\$375,000** 2bd/1ba down. EZ access to SF. Prudential CA, Vince Moran 835-5340 **2-4:30**

ALBANY **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30**

1048 CURTIS ST., 3 bedrooms. 1.25 baths. **\$320,000** Kuo Realty, Eddie Kuo 526-4229

1141-43 EVELYN, Rare Home & Income Duplex! Sunny 1bdm units. **\$289,000** Private yd. Sylvan vws. Red Oak Realty, 527-3387 X209, Diane 526-5273

732 MASONIC, Sunny spacious 2bdm. **New listing!** Formal dining. **\$285,000** EIK. Large gardens. Jeans Realty, Deb Everett 524-8508

651 SPOKANE AVE., 2bd/1ba. Classic MacGregor **\$265,000** Berkeley Hills Realty 524-1700 X30, Bill McDowell 524-9888 X30

BERKELEY **OPEN SUNDAY**

55 VICENTE RD., Claremont. 3+bd/3ba elegant 2-story Med. **\$1,050,000** Courtyd. Views of city & bay! Prudential CA, Colette Ford 848-1093 **2-5**

51 VICENTE RD., Claremont. Sleek custom 4bd/3.5ba contemporary. **\$999,000** Mstr w/his/her ba. Pool. Exercise rm. Vw. Prudential CA, Colette Ford 848-1093 **1-5**

5 AJAX PL., Extraordinary contemporary in wooded cul-de-sac. 3bdm **\$985,000** includes mstr suite. Dramatic floor plan. Library, family room w/frpl, dining space. Templeton Company, Marlene Leverette 652-2133 X121 **2-4**

2823 BENVENUE AVE., Elmwood. 7bd/3ba including 2nd Income **\$825,000** Penthouse! Original detail. Prudential CA Realty, Charles 845-0200 **2-4:30**

961 TULARE AVE., Exquisitely updated! Breathtaking views! **\$639,000** Magnificent woodwork. Fab gardens! GRUBB Co, Melitta Beeson 339-0400 **2-4:30**

1184 STERLING AVE., Berkeley Hills. 3bd/2ba. Magical **\$599,000** restoration. Artist studio. Bay View! Prudential CA, David Otero 869-4239 **2-4:30**

1233 OXFORD, Incredible Craftsman duplex. Gorgeous yard. **\$585,000** Top location! Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495 **2-4**

1 VICENTE RD., Claremont. Oriental style 3bd/2ba w/quality details. **\$529,000** Hdwd floors. Family rm w/2nd frpl. Montclair Better Homes 287-9806 **2-4:30**

1079 CRESTON RD., Just listed! 3/2. Stunning vws. Oversized rms. **\$499,000** Grt floor plan. Rumpus. Beautiful yd. Thornwall, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242 **2-4**

1178 LAUREL, Dramatic Price Reduction! 3/3 English Country w/ pano **\$529,000** vws! 1/4+ ac. Plus legal in-law apt. Thornwall, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242

30 POPLAR ST., North Crockett. 4bd/2ba. Bay & SF Views! **\$499,000** Bonus room. Garden. LaSalle Properties, Helen Nicholas 339-8900 **2-4:30**

1379 GRIZZLY PEAK, Views of Mt Tam, SF, & Alcatraz. 3+/-2.5 **\$499,000** Coldwell Banker, Holly Rose 486-1495 **2-4**

1833 ADDISON ST., 3bd/2ba house plus 2 units. Private hideaway **\$499,000** close to campus. Montclair Better Homes 436-6683 **2-4:30**

7761 CLAREMONT AVE., New constr. 3/2.5. Private & woodsy. High **\$499,000** ceilings. Designer touches. Prudential CA, Candice Economides 528-9284

2401-03 CEDAR ST., Charming Northside duplex nr campus. Tudor- **\$499,000** style. 2-1bd/1ba units. **New listing.** Pacific Union, James Duffy 339-6460

938 BANCROFT WAY, Unique property w/2bd/2ba bungalow plus **\$499,000** updt cottage, & 2bd apt. Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460 **2-4:30**

2450 HILLSIDE, Charming 3bd nr UC campus. Hdwd floors. Nice **\$499,000** condition. Garden. Garage. Templeton Co, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 **2-4:30**

1729 SIXTH ST., 3-family compound behind 4th St shops. 2+bd house, **\$499,000** duplex w/2bd ea unit. Prudential CA 845-0200, Barbara Reynolds 287-9383

1116 CRAGMONT, Berkeley Hills home w/views. 2+bd/2ba **\$499,000** Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495 **2-4**

2026 CEDAR, Condo in updated Victorian. 2bd/1ba. **\$499,000** Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495 **2-4**

2206 GRANT, Beautifully updated 3bd/2ba home **\$499,000** Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495 **2-4**

1209 HENRY ST., Charming 2bd/1ba w/FDR, EIK. Att'd garage. Walk **\$499,000** to North Berkeley shops. Templeton Co, Linda Wolan 652-2133 X123 **2-4**

1239 MARTIN LUTHER KING, Classic 3/1 Br Shingle w/Craftsman **\$499,000** details. FDR w/bt-ins. Garden w/deck. Todd Solano shops, dining, Norton **\$499,000** Marvin Gardens Real Estate 527-9111, Todd Hodson 559-2915 **2-4**

1432 BANCROFT WY., 2/1 Wee Cottage. Potential charmer. Nds TLC. **\$499,000** Estate sale. Walk to BART, shops. Marvin Gardens, Terry Pederson 841-3213

1515 HOPKINS #5, Studio condo nr Monterey Market **\$499,000** Brandy Realty 549-9181 **2-4:30**

CASTRO VALLEY **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30**

5919 GREENRIDGE, Lovely 4bd/2ba Eichler built home at top **\$499,000** of Greenridge. Woodsy setting. Homes-Link, Margaret 748-5300

EL CERRITO **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30**

1007 & 1007 1/2 CONTRA COSTA DR., 2 homes on .6 ac. Privacy & **\$499,000** seclusion. 3bd/2ba + 1bd companion unit. Lush greenery, decks, private **\$499,000** Marvin Gardens Real Estate 527-9111, Mary Gray 559-2939

2364 ALVA, Move in condition! 3+bd/2ba. **\$499,000** Coldwell Banker, Henry Chang 486-1495

328 RAMONA, St. Jerome neighborhood. 2+bd nr Albany border **\$499,000** Random plank hdws, frpl, kit w/eat-in area overlooking lovely garden. **\$499,000** Marvin Gardens Real Estate 527-9111, Diana Mendler 559-2939

5529 MacDONALD, 3/2 w/GG & Mt Tam views! **New Listing!** Lg lot. **\$499,000** Gardener's delight! Gleaming hdws. Prudential CA, Terrence Jue 524-2513

221 ASHBURY, Sweet 2bd/1ba with hardwood floors. **\$499,000** Marvin Gardens Real Estate 527-9111, Denyse Biagi 559-2908

KENSINGTON **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30**

40 COWPER, Dramatic Panoramic Bay View! Spacious 4bd/4ba **\$499,000** contemporary. Must See! Red Oak Realty

WEEKLY HOME SALES

Compiled by TitleTech

ALAMEDA

152 Bismarck Ln. - \$210,000
 6 Kings Rd. #67 - \$305,000
 2 Pacific Ave. - \$200,000
 10 Park St. - \$228,000
 125 Shell Gate Pl. - \$302,000
 30 Versailles Ave. - \$390,000
 42 Webb Ave. - \$160,000

SAN LEANDRO

5 Pierce St. #2211 - \$162,000
 5 Pierce St. #2304 - \$216,000
 13 Ramona Ave. - \$309,000

BERKELEY

266 Bancroft Wy. - \$284,000
 10 Cedar St. - \$352,000
 8 Euclid Ave. - \$765,000
 185 Glen Ave. - \$152,000
 701 Spruce St. - \$682,500

CERRITO

1 Behrens St. - \$289,000
 1 Behrens St. - \$337,000
 15 Hudson St. - \$330,000
 240 Lawrence St. - \$209,000
 8 Norvell St. - \$209,000
 31 Tulare Ave. - \$225,000
 19 Yosemite Ave. - \$175,000

OAKLAND

73 21st St. - \$120,000
 40 53rd St. - \$132,000
 176 61st St. - \$167,000
 17 73rd Ave. - \$90,000
 759 79th Ave. - \$149,500
 407 Balboa Dr. - \$339,500
 55 Bellevue Ave. #2405 - \$152,000
 18 Best Ave. - \$166,000
 261 Chelsea Dr. - \$272,000
 1 Clarewood Ln. - \$302,000
 10 Creed Rd. - \$413,000
 15 Crestmont Dr. - \$350,000
 200 East 15th St. - \$75,000
 108 East 30th St. - \$76,000
 165 Elverton Dr. - \$650,000
 256 Fisher Ave. - \$168,500
 455 Foothill Blvd. - \$99,000
 22 Hanover Ave. #408 - \$170,000
 4 Hermosa Ave. - \$789,000
 321 Herzog St. - \$73,000
 37 Hillside St. - \$115,000
 20 Holly St. - \$107,000
 430 International Blvd. - \$154,000
 445 Irwin Ct. - \$182,000
 85 Jayne Ave. #315 - \$147,000
 431 Leimert Blvd. - \$340,000
 889 Longcroft Dr. - \$450,000
 100 Lowrey Rd. - \$425,000
 111 Lyon Ave. - \$122,500
 800 MacArthur Blvd. - \$118,000
 39 Marlow Dr. - \$296,000
 186 Mazuela Dr. - \$625,000
 85 Monterey Blvd. - \$262,500
 236 Monticello Ave. - \$179,000
 808 Morpeth St. - \$315,000
 16 Murdock Ct. - \$149,000
 470 Ocean View Dr. - \$330,000
 314 Plymouth St. #3 - \$207,000
 409 Reinhardt Dr. - \$245,000
 220 Rosedale Ave. - \$206,000
 116 Santa Rita St. - \$123,500
 933 Saroni Dr. - \$340,000
 26 Saroni Dr. - \$390,000

On the average

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 7
 LOWEST SALES: \$160,000
 HIGHEST SALES: \$390,000
 AVERAGE SALES: \$256,428

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST SALES: \$162,000
 HIGHEST SALES: \$309,000
 AVERAGE SALES: \$229,000

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST SALES: \$152,000

RICHMOND

7380 Saroni Dr. - \$335,000
 2822 Short St. - \$125,000
 9505 Stearns Ave. - \$190,000
 7620 Sterling Dr. - \$133,000
 456 Stow Ave. - \$323,000
 3052 Sylvan Ave. - \$200,000
 269 Taurus Ave. - \$380,000
 4454 View Pl. - \$364,000
 6323 Westover Dr. - \$285,000

SAN LEANDRO

1628 1st St. - \$124,000
 651 21st St. - \$103,500
 622 42nd St. - \$156,500
 2416 Andrade Ave. - \$118,000
 2722 Barrett Ave. - \$167,500
 2844 Draper St. - \$183,500
 3615 Florida Ave. - \$135,000
 6529 Hazel Ave. - \$165,000
 410 Hopkins Ct. - \$272,000
 511 Kay Ann Ct. - \$225,000
 725 Maine Ave. - \$126,500
 808 Maison Wy. - \$280,000
 1560 Mariposa St. - \$168,000
 1300 Quarry Ct. #311 - \$255,000
 5631 San Pablo Dam Rd. - \$165,000
 650 South 21st St. - \$91,000
 448 South 24th St. - \$149,000
 108 Vista Heights Rd. - \$191,000

SAN LEANDRO

1741 142nd Ave. - \$166,000
 3749 Anza Wy. - \$193,000
 2251 Avocet Ct. #75 - \$275,000
 875 Bancroft Ave. - \$295,000
 2300 Belvedere Ave. - \$146,500
 1400 Carpenter St. #239 - \$143,000
 1400 Carpenter St. #337 - \$133,000
 15076 Churchill St. - \$178,000
 15304 Churchill St. - \$197,500
 721 Collier Dr. - \$230,000
 1581 Hickory Ave. - \$180,000
 15561 Oceanside Wy. - \$351,000
 521 Pershing Dr. - \$215,000
 614 Pershing Dr. - \$185,000
 15208 Ranger Rd. - \$384,000
 14736 Seagrave Dr. - \$171,000
 14009 Seagate Dr. #236 - \$230,000
 1137 Tulip Ln. - \$284,000

SAN LORENZO

1475 155th Ave. - \$160,000
 16040 Berkshire Rd. - \$192,500

HIGHEST SALES: \$765,000
 AVERAGE SALES: \$447,100

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 7
 LOWEST SALES: \$175,000
 HIGHEST SALES: \$337,000
 AVERAGE SALES: \$263,571

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 52
 LOWEST SALES: \$75,000
 HIGHEST SALES: \$789,000
 AVERAGE SALES: \$248,788

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 18
 LOWEST SALES: \$91,000

HIGHEST SALES: \$280,000
 AVERAGE SALES: \$170,861

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 18
 LOWEST SALES: \$133,000
 HIGHEST SALES: \$384,000
 AVERAGE SALES: \$219,833

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 8
 LOWEST SALES: \$115,000
 HIGHEST SALES: \$225,000
 AVERAGE SALES: \$185,750

1688 Keller Ave. - \$188,000
 16343 Saratoga St. #102E - \$115,000
 684 Via Aires - \$201,500
 1920 Via Barrett - \$224,000
 15926 Via Marlin - \$180,000
 16059 Via Walter - \$225,000

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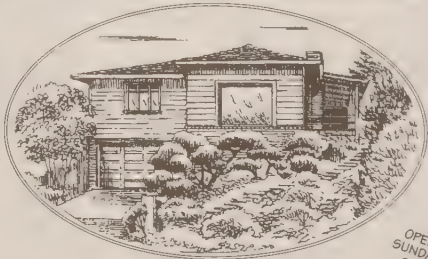
510-339-0400
Office
510-654-4120
Residence

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starb@grubbco.com

This beautiful Contemporary home sits on a lovely wooded lot and offers four spacious bedrooms, two and one half baths including a luxurious master suite. The spacious kitchen, with top of the line appliances and adjacent family room, opens level out to a large rear deck and beautiful terraced rear garden.

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★ ★ OPEN SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1999 1-5 P.M. ★ ★



Renovated Temescal Bungalow with Art/Work Space
 410 41st Street \$269,000

Come see this recently renovated bungalow. Lovingly refurbished by owner/architect. This classic bungalow floor plan is sunny and bright. It features a living room with built-ins and fireplace, formal dining room with built-ins, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, remodeled eat-in kitchen and hardwood floors. Outside, there is a level yard, stunning front garden, deck and plenty of off street parking. The garage has been converted for use as a home office or artist space, it has white washed walls, pinewood floors, built-in cabinets, updated electrical, plenty of windows and light. This home is conveniently located near BART, AC Transit, freeways, Piedmont Ave., Temescal's emerging shopping district and great coffee @ Mama's Royal Cafe

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 Doris Alexander 527-9111, 559-2938

CONTRACTOR'S SPECIAL! \$169,500
 Wee cottage, potential charmer seeks loving, enthusiastic owner for much needed TLC! Estate sale. Two bedrooms, one bath. Great central location. Walk to BART, shops.
 1432 Bancroft Way. Open Sun. 2-5. Terry Pedersen 527-2700 x 36

IMAGINE THE PERFECT LOCATION! \$169,000
 Wonderful lot located in El Cerrito hills with sweeping Bay and City views. \$169,000. Survey and soils report available. For details call Wendy Bakken 527-2700 x 33

DRAMATIC, PRIVATE CONTEMPORARY \$489,000
 Absolutely wonderful redwood detailing highlights this contemporary up a private drive on the Piedmont side of Montclair. Large, well-designed and beautifully maintained 3+ bedroom home on a lushly gardened, oversized lot. Multiple levels add interest, vaulted ceilings add light. Great floor plan allows for entertaining and easy living.
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When it's your move...

FEATURED HOME OF THE WEEK

Stunning Piedmont Tradition

This wonderful traditional home is nestled in the hills of upper Piedmont. It was designed for the Hughes family by William Strickland. Strickland is known for his ability to bring the garden areas right into the home, thus expanding the living area and taking full advantage of "California Living."

This home is a fine example of Strickland's work, with French doors and windows from the kitchen, dining room and living room all opening onto a sunny garden patio.

The patio and yard are further enhanced by a mature wisteria and climbing rose over the patio arbor. But the real magic of the patio is the fabulous outdoor fireplace, barbecue and Chinese smoke oven that was designed for Hughes by "Trader Vic" himself.

All these features make this home perfect for intimate family get-togethers or a formal reception for 50 or more.

The interior is spectacular. On the first floor you will find an elegant entry, a spacious living room, formal dining room, a fourth bedroom, full bathroom and kitchen/family room combination. These rooms are appointed with hardwood floors and fine architectural detailing.

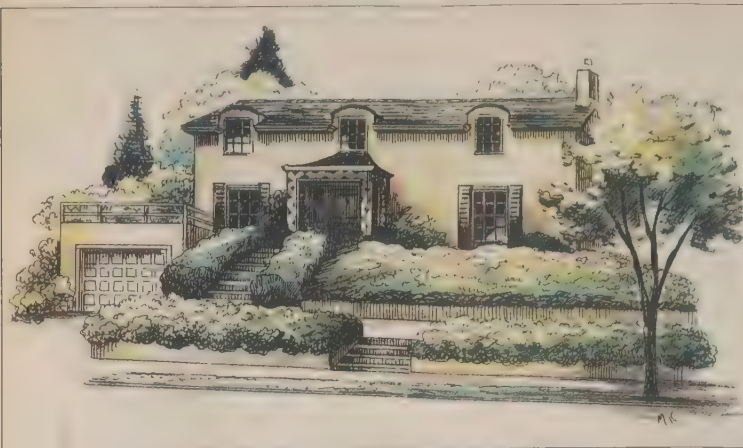
The current owners have just completed a major kitchen/family room renovation. Any serious cook will love this kitchen. It features mahogany cabinets, granite countertops, top-of-the-line appliances, pantry and vaulted ceilings.

The cook will not be lonely in this kitchen, as it is part of the family

room with a stylish arched bay window. The room has a mahogany built-in entertainment center, bookcase and

Upstairs are three bedrooms, each with changing room, two bathrooms and hardwood floors. The master suite has two dressing areas, ample closet space, a private bathroom and shower.

This is truly a wonderful home offered for sale by Lawton & Associates. Please call Ron or Laurie for a private showing at 510-454-1111. Price available upon request.



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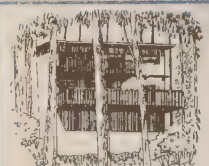


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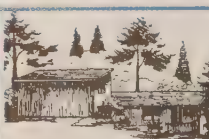
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VERY NICE!.....\$389,000
3 BD + 2 "in-laws", 1BA, Emeryville border, walk to Emery Bay market, shops, yard, deck.
Logene Butler 510-524-2526



NEW PRICE FOR RUSTIC MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY \$359,000

John Muir would have felt right at home in this pristine contemporary with 4BD/2BA, sun decks and space for yard.
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Open Sunday! 7210 Sayre Dr., 3BD/1+BA, vaulted ceilings, wall of glass. A Must See!
Erik Johnson 510-869-4246

***Scenic Beauty.....\$249,000**
Open Saturday and Sunday 2-4!
53 Ironwood, Oakland. 3BD/2.5BA townhouse, with new kitchen.
John Cashman 510-845-0200

Oakland.....\$165,000
959 45th St. near Emeryville. 3BD/2BA newly renovated.
Edwina Taylor 510-845-0200

Attic Loft with Deck.....\$135,000
Oakland 2BD/1BA bungalow, fresh paint in & out, attic loft w/ deck.
Edwina Taylor 510-869-2329 or 510-845-0200

***Open Sunday 2-4 260 Perkins #3A.....\$118,000**
2BD/1BA light filled condo, top floor unit in newer bldg. Walk to Lake Merritt. New carpet/paint.
Izumi Tada 510-287-9853 or 510-849-3711

Adams Point Condo.....\$92,400
Nice 2BD/1BA unit in convenient location. Good condition, quiet, great for investment.
Dolores Thom 510-835-6080

WEST COUNTY

New Listing!.....\$439,000
El Cerrito, 3BD/2.5BA, Golden Gate views, 2-car garage, nice kitchen, decks, skylights, good floor plan.
Lloyd Jung 510-526-5143

El Sobrante Jewel.....\$339,000
Custom built/ 4BD/2.5BA, huge living, family, fireplace, 8 yrs young.
I. Bai 510-527-9800

Panoramic Views - Kensington.....\$1,250,000
Charming, totally renovated English style home on large lot. 4BD/3.5BA, custom kitchen, stunning garden. To view property call.
Helene Barkin 510-273-9312 or 510-849-3711

Quality & Elegance.....\$229,000
Spacious tudor 3BD/1.5BA, park-like backyard. Triple lot. Near Richmond Civic Center. Move-in condition.
Vena Flint 510-233-6663 or 510-527-9800

New PUD Listing!.....\$212,500
2BD+ loft, 2BA, high ceilings in living room, 2093 sq. ft. living, 2 car garage, tennis, pool, spa, cul-de-sac. 5 miles to Berkeley.
Lloyd Jung 510-526-5143.

Berkeley/Albany



Elmwood 2 Houses on One Lot \$1,125,000

Front house is \$700,000 - 6++BD, back is \$400,000 - 3++BD, both must be sold together. Live in one, rent the other.
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Claremont - Mediterranean.....\$1,050,000
Ultra sophisticated, top of the line Mediterranean 3+BD/3BA, courtyard, city & bay views, walk to shops.
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Striking Contemporary.....\$999,000
Custom Claremont Hills, 4BD/3.5BA, open, light-filled and elegant, patio deck, guest suite, pool, roman tub & views.
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Timber Baron's Dream.....\$825,000
5BD/2BA + large 2BD income penthouse unit in Elmwood, great original detail, special property.
Charles 510-845-0200



COMPOUND • \$349,000
"Compound" directly behind 4th Street shops in Berkeley. One 2+BD house, plus duplex with two 2BD units. Vacant at sale. 76 projected G.R.M.
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In The Heart of North Shattuck Village! \$389,000
Wonderful 3BD bungalow. Built-ins, nooks, detached studio & smashing yard!
Mary Canavan 510-527-2012 or 510-849-3711

For Lease, Emeryville.....\$2,500/mo.
2BD/2BA condo! Great location, easy access to U.C. Berkeley, S.F. Great shopping, all amenities!
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San Leandro - Bayo Vista.....\$425,000
Ranch style 3BD/2.5BA plus office. Spacious fam rm w/ kitchen, dining area combo. 2 Fireplaces, central vacuum, drive through garage.
Diana Huggins 510-886-7511

Move in Condition.....\$270,000
3BD/1BA, 554 Blossom Way, beautiful remodeled kitchen. Lots of storage. Formal dining.
Kathy Florence 510-869-4250

Warm & Wonderful
Roomy 3BD/2BA w/2 car garage and family room. Located in San Lorenzo. Large front yard and cozy fireplace.
Tom Canterbury 510-888-3333

Cozy Starter Right On.....\$112,000
San Leandro border fully updated 2BD/1BA w/ lots of fruit trees & flowers. Front deck, dog run, newer roof.
510-527-9800

LOTS FOR SALE

Claremont Lot.....\$259,000
View 10,000 sq. ft. million dollar house site.
Nancy Platford 510-845-0200

Two Fire Lots.....\$195,000
On Buckingham, one lot with old foundation, get set of plans to build.
Ben-David 510-869-4205

Build Your Dream.....\$95,000
Montclair lot in very private spot.
Ben-David 510-869-4205

Montclair Lot.....\$35,000
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1771 NORTHWOOD CT.....\$525,000
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4683 SAN SABASTIAN AVE.....\$349,000
1ST OPEN! 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, large family room. Upper Glenview. Two fireplaces, hardwood floors, beautiful built-in fenced yard, workshop and 2 car garage. Nancy or Chris ext. 263



3940 ARDLEY AVENUE.....\$299,000
Glenview traditional on tree lined street. 2+ Bedroom, formal dining and breakfast room. Freshly painted, refinished floors.
Wendy Callaghan ext. 237



3967 MARION.....\$169,000
This absolutely adorable cottage sparkles in its park-like setting. You'll find yourself in a totally secluded yard among fruit trees, blooming plants, other lovely plantings. Open beams ceiling, fresh pt. finished laundry room. Reports available, move-in! Carol Robbiano ext. 263

BY APPOINTMENT



COMING SOON
Cute as a button bungalow on a great Glenview cul-de-sac. Pvt. sunny backyard, fpl in LR, hardwood throughout, updated kit and BA, garage w/work and utility. You'll love it! Kate Meadow ext. 288

COMING SOON - SMASHING NEW CONTEMPORARY!
Big Bay views! Excellent finishes. Custom ironwork, glass-block, high-tech fixtures, clean lines. Very Euro kit off fam rm. 4BD (including great master suite) home office. Unique and Fab! Mary Neuberger 530-4148

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With sweeping views of North Bay and lush Claremont canyon. Enter thru a wonderful pvt ctyd to a home rich in quality, style and detail. Top notch amenities and finishes. Incredible kitchen w/cherry, granite and stainless. Family room, home office and media room. Sexy master suite! Best Oakland/Berkeley hills location. Mary Neuberger 530-4148

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St. Mary's crushes the competition

Panthers win seven events at NCS Meet of Champions track meet

By Scott Strain

HAYWARD — Given the right circumstances, the St. Mary's High School boys and girls track teams could be a real force in the CIF State Track and Field Championships, which start Friday with the trials and end Saturday in the finals at Hughes Stadium in Sacramento.

The Panthers proved it at the Meet of Champions last weekend at Chabot College.

On the boys side, Kimani Lovan won the 400-meter race, Quintis Cann captured the 110-meter high hurdles title, Asokah Muhammad won the triple jump and the Panthers won both the 400-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

On the girls side, Kamaiya Warren won the shot put and Spring Harris won the high jump. There were a flock of other qualifiers for the Panthers.

Harris has the distinction of being the first female runner for St. Mary's to qualify for state. She did it in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing second to Simone Brooks of Berkeley in a time of 15.46 seconds. Brooks finished in 14.82.

Harris won the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 6 inches, two inches shy of the meet record she set a week ago Saturday at the North Coast Section championships.

She could be forgiven for that — the hurdles and high jump competition started at approximately the same time.

Harris, though, wasn't worried. "I passed at the opening height (5-0), so it really wasn't a problem doing both," she said. "I was very happy at qualifying in the hurdles; I'm going to do both at state."

Lovan, Denye Versher and Jamaal Brown all hoped to qualify for the 400-meter race — they had run 1-2-3 at the NCS. It didn't happen the way they wanted. Lovan won in 48.64 and Versher finished second in 48.93. Brown finished eighth in 51.0.

"It didn't work that way, the conditions here were against it," Lovan said. "It was too windy to run real fast today."

Cann got out ahead of the pack early in the 110 high hurdles and simply rolled over Bruce Giron of Monte Vista, who later set a meet record in the 300 hurdles. Cann finished third in that one with a time of 38.94. Cann won the 110 hurdles in 14.94. He had a good race, not a great one.

"I got out well and just kept going," Cann said. "I didn't hit any hurdles or chop any steps. The wind was a factor."

The 400-meter relay quartet of Cann, Paki Gordon, Chris Dunbar and Denye Versher won in 42.06 and had to withstand a challenge from Bishop O'Dowd, which finished second in 42.19.

"It's always tough against those (O'Dowd) guys," Versher said. "We got them this time."

In the 1,600-meter relay, the Panthers had an easier time, winning by just un-



ST. MARY'S Quintis Cann (left) runs just ahead of Berkeley High's Haili Guy (right) in a heat of the 110-meter high hurdles at the NCS Meet of Champions. Cann won the event in the finals on Saturday at Chabot College in Hayward.

der two seconds. The team of Lovan, Courtney Brown, Jamaal Brown and Versher smoked the field in 3:19.82. Monte Vista was second in 3:21.01.

On Thursday in the triple jump, Muhammad took the title with a leap of 46-9 1/2. Solomon Welch was third at 46-1 1/2 and will go to state.

Warren had a best toss of 41 feet, 6-1/2

inches and it was good enough to beat out Michelle Daggs of Bishop O'Dowd, who finished second at 41-31/2. The Panthers' Rosie Aikens also qualified in the shot, finishing fourth with a toss of 38-51/4.

Ebon Glenn finished second in the high jump at 6-6, just missing twice at 6-7. That would have been good enough to win had he cleared it; Kevin Weaver of

McKinleyville did but Glenn had fewer misses at that point.

His best shot was his second attempt, when he appeared to tip the bar with his heel. He landed on the mat and the bar fell off. "I thought that when you hit the mat and then the bar fell, it was a good

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El Cerrito's Shalonda Reynolds (right) clears the last hurdle about the same time as De Anza's April Russell in the 300-meter hurdles. Reynolds placed fourth and Russell won the event in the finals.

The party continues for El Cerrito girls track

Prom night doesn't stop Gauchos

By Scott Strain

HAYWARD — Party, party, party. Run, run, run. Qualify, qualify, qualify. Members of the El Cerrito girls track team had their senior prom Friday and partied until all hours of the night. Then they came back, donned their running togs, ran their races and qual-

ified for the state meet.

"I was out kind of late last night, and I felt kind of shaky, but my team pulled me through," sprinter Katrina Keith said after the Gauchos just managed to qualify for the State Meet trials in a time of 48.11. The Gauchos finished fourth and only four teams go, but getting there is really the big thing.

The Gauchos got most of the senior prom cobwebs out as the Meet of Champions progressed Saturday afternoon at

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Brooks a Champion

Hurdler wins at Meet of Champs as 3 qualify for state

By Scott Strain

HAYWARD — Simone Brooks was the only Berkeley High runner who got out of the Meet of Champions with a victory. Brooks blasted past Spring Harris of St. Mary's and led pretty much all the way to win the 100-meter low hurdles in a time of 14.82 seconds.

Harris, who had to leave the race area immediately afterward to compete in the high jump (which she won), finished second in 15.46.

One other Berkeley runner and a high jumper qualified for the state meet trials, which will be held Friday at Hughes Stadium in Sacramento.

Laura Winnacker finished third in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 3 inches to give the junior a trip to the state meet from the field events.

Daveed Diggs, another junior, made it in the 110-meter high hurdles after placing third with a time of 14.94.

In an unfortunate occurrence, Berkeley sophomore Haili Guy fell going over the last hurdle in the 300 intermediates and did not qualify.

"I felt good about my race," said Brooks between gasps of breath. "I don't think my time was my best. The wind held me back." Brooks got out ahead of Harris about a third of the way into the race and stayed there. Brooks hit no hurdles and didn't chop her steps. Harris was second in 15.46.

Brooks, a junior, false started at the State Meet last year. "I was real nervous; I didn't want it (the false start) to happen again. But I'm glad I led all the way."

Diggs finished his race just .03 seconds behind Bruce Giron of Monte Vista and .17 behind winner Quintis Cann of St. Mary's. Still, Diggs was happy with his race.

"I was going a little high over the hurdles," Diggs said, "but that's all right. I



BERKELEY'S SIMONE BROOKS clears the last hurdle ahead of San Ramon Valley's Michelle Cook in the girls 100-meter hurdles at the Meet of Champions. Brooks won the event in the finals Saturday at Chabot College.

qualified for state. I've been watching him (Cann) for a while and I've raced against him once in the Meet of Champions last year. It was a fair race for me, and there is a lot to work on, but I'm happy with the race."

In the 300 hurdles, Guy was blasting over every hurdle and was a solid third

behind Giron and Sean Leonard of Piner. After going over the last hurdle, he either tipped it or landed wrong because all of a sudden he was sprawled on the track. He got up, finished the race in 50.23 and immediately left the track. Guy finished eighth in the 110 highs, with a time of 16.44.

ALBANY-BERKELEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

By Michael Blake

The later weeks of the ABGSL often lead to low-scoring games, as already talented hitters add defensive skill to their repertoires, but last weekend was an exception. Perhaps the bright sunshine and strong winds led to a hitters' paradise, for offense was the key this week.

Micro Division

Andronico's Angels
Salon Salon Dolphins

Sarah Mue inspired the Angels by scooping grounder after grounder and also dashed home twice from second base. Catcher Marina Hunt staked out runners tagged them at home. Second baseman Cristy Peterson made fielding look easy with eight graceful grounders. And superstar Claire Hartinger deftly made handled a groundout for a putout at first.

Dolphin catcher Alyssa Gill turned in a stellar job as catcher and also collected two hits. Madeleine Luckel sailed a hard single over the pitcher's head. Micaela Hahn impressed the crowd with her great fielding at the mound. Laney Camenga stroked her first hit as a seven year old and streaked to first base, speedy as a hummingbird.

Younger Division

Redtail Hawks 36, Falcons 26

The Strategic Economics Flying Falcons began with seven runs in the first, on hard-hit singles by Emily Fong and Amber Martinez, and a smash single into left field by Emily Cote.

Ask Jeeves for Kids Hawk's Mollie Hudson made a nice stop in the pitcher's circle and threw to Angelique Traub at first for an out, and Kianna Ervin grabbed a grounder and forced out a Falcon at second. The Hawks answered with Taylor Jacoby's blast line drive into center field for a home run. Falcon Alexes Bowyer knocked down a line drive to the pitcher's circle and caught a Hawk at first, but the Hawks kept going with hit after hit, to tie the game at 7 apiece.

The top of the second inning featured great defensive play by Hawk Ervin in the pitcher's circle. She fielded a fly for an out and then grabbed two successive grounders and threw to Mattison Peters at first for out. In the bottom of the inning, the Hawks' offense took charge, with Rosie Kerstetter's three-run single, Silvie Senuale's awesome blast into center field for a double, and Lucy's Archer's smash down the third base line for another double, to put the Hawks on top, 16-11.

In the third, Falcon Hanna Lignell led off with a single, Cote doubled into center field, and Leah Belzer-Adams hit a line drive over the left fielder's head. But Traub scooped up a ground ball at shortstop and forced out a runner at second to retire the Falcons. In their half of the inning, every Hawk who came to the plate got a hit, with Julia Friedman smashing a single, Peters doubling, and Traub tripling, to give the Hawks a 10-run lead.

The game ended with the Falcons still slugging away, with singles by Bianca Moreno-Travis and Isa Guardalabene, and an impressive double by Martinez in the fourth, and base hits in the fifth Falcons Megan Derwin-Ackerman and Amanda Wilmsen. But they couldn't close the large gap the Hawk batters had created.

Smilemakers 19, Generals 14

Facing a 16-run deficit after 2-1/2 innings, the James Painting and Decorating Generals showed their stuff in the third and fourth, turning the game into a real contest, but ultimately giving the edge to the Dr. Brehnan's Smilemakers.

Both teams showed offensive prowess with mighty smashes to the outfield. Smilemakers Barbara Barnes, Kayla Sims, Sophia Kline, and Lauren Lutz crushed the ball, but were matched by the hits of Generals Anna Raynor, Tamara-Land-Gilden, Kirsti Clark and Mallorie Knesal. The Generals displayed great running skills when Elizabeth Tulsy scampered

back to first on a popup to avoid the double play. Brittany Ernst crushed the ball and Marina Caron, Hayley Ashkenas, and Hayley Beckett legged out singles. The Smilemakers answered with good showings by leadoff hitter Shelby LaRosa and teammate Grace Morrow.

The pitcher-first base combinations of Generals Land-Gilden-Lauren Waqa; Isabel Blanco-Erin Olivella-Wright and Raynor-Waqa smoothly made the putouts at first. Smilemakers Amaya Fernandez, Kline, Sims and Morgan Tidd and General Raynor not only made plays at first, they also each scored well-hit fly balls. Smilemaker Katharine Pearce grabbed a liner to third and made the throw to second base player Samantha Cook for the forceout, and teammate Sarah Neuhaus outran a batter for an unassisted put out at first.

Middle Division

Prins ChiroBasebones 8

Mighty Molars 6

Lauren Lopez scored the Vivian Lopez Mighty Molars' first run in this bone-to-bone grinder. Mighty Mariko Connor ran so fast the out couldn't find her.

Andrea Woodard's double play cut short the other team's rally. Ali Underwood singled in two runs to add to the tally.

Birthday Basebone Eileen Cullen made a wish and blew out the ball for a hit. Lianna Louie singled twice and slid in safe at second under the mitt.

Two Sarahs named Ball and Shor hit homers during energetic fits. Sluggers Jenna Nation and Sonja Prins tore the softball to bits.

Bandits 9, Litigators 7

The Nelson, Meyer & Ung Bandits and the Black, Brown & Lanier Litigators both had moments of glory until a tie was broken in the bottom of the fourth for the Bandits' 9-7 victory. The Bandits were on a roll in the first two innings. Shireen Javandel opened with two strikeouts. Sophie Kolding hit a double, bringing two home. Pitcher Daniela Kronenberg swiftly fielded the ball to Lyla Weinstein at first base twice for the outs. Molly Antolacy and Weinstein skillfully fielded balls to Rachel Kahan at first for two separate outs. Kronenberg slammed out a solid triple and doubles were powered out by Sandra Firestein, Antolacy and Javandel. Lacey Taylor, Kim Upstill, Kahan, and Weinstein hit serious singles.

The Litigators made a terrific comeback in the top of the fourth, earning five of their runs from fantastic hits by Leah Frainmow-Wong, Santelia Rose, Lisa Richardson, Leana Petri and Mary Pinto. Fine pitching by Richardson and Petri also kept the Litigators' flame burning. The Bandits' Lindsey Fuller ended the Litigators' fourth with a strikeout, leaving the score tied at 7. The Bandits again showed some solid hitting. Olivia Camenga's fine hit, a single by Kim Upstill and an RBI by Lacey Taylor broke through the tie for the win.

Sparkies 9, Sharks 9

The Jeff Cohen Electric Sparkies controlled the game at the outset. Pitcher Rivka Cohen struck out six of

nine batters in the first two innings, and a string of Sparkies hits, with two outs against the team, led to four runs in their first effort at bat. Michelynn Morris doubled on an infield grounder, driving in two runs. Cohen and Ruby Shapiro each singled for RBI. Pitcher Alyse Ritvo was able to shut down the Sparkies' offense in the second inning, striking out one batter herself and allowing only three hits and no runs.

The Nolo Press Sharks came within one run in the third inning, mounting the first of two rallies. Ritvo's grounder along the third base line drove in Paige Freiburger for the Sharks' first run of the afternoon. With the bases loaded, Nikita Goodno hit a short ball before the pitcher and drove in Sierra Bradley and Ritvo when she advanced to second on an overthrow at first.

Anna Kalkanis-Ellis pitched the third inning for the Sharks. She struck out one batter with the bases loaded. She caught a high infield fly for the first out and nearly snagged a double play on the throw back to first. However, the Sparkies caught fire again after two outs were made against them. Morris scored on Sarah Jelinsky's infield grounder. Cohen's line drive to left field drove in two runs, and Leah Fischer's high bouncing infield hit brought two more Sparkies home.

Mary Katherine Morrison led the Sharks' fourth-inning comeback. With the bases loaded, she blasted the ball to deep left field, scoring all three runners. The tide might have ebbed when Anna Harris made the second out with a spectacular right-field catch, holding Morrison at second base. But consistent hitting by the Sharks allowed all ten batters to the plate that inning. Singles by Goodno, Emily Silverstein, and Sarah Dobjensky each brought in a runner. The home team Sparkies had the final chance to break the tie in the bottom of the fourth inning, but pitcher Dobjensky gave up only one hit, caught a pop fly, and struck out the last batter.

All-Stars 7, Royals 3

The Davitt Felder Stamps Royals struck quickly in the first inning with three straight singles, loading the bases, and then Sakai McCrary unleashed a mighty line-drive triple that scored them all. In the bottom of the same inning, Darcey Kurashige-Elliott of the Royals struck out the side. She later also made a stunning catch of a sharp liner which awed everyone present.

Amanda Hansen of the Autumn Press All-Stars came in to pitch the third and fourth, striking out five batters with a beautiful pitching motion, delivering the ball with great velocity and control. Even the opposing coach, who had pitched college softball and who knew talent when she saw it, was praising her without reservation.

The All-Stars' offense really came alive in their last at-bats when they exploded for seven hits and six runs to come from behind and put the game away. The highlight of the inning was provided by Brianna Waqa, a power-hitter who had homered earlier, when she hit one of the hardest singles you'll ever see to drive in two runs to cap the inning.

were perfect as usual."

Keith was unable to advance in her events, finishing seventh in the 100 with a time of 12.39 and sixth in the 200 in 26.06.

Anita McCallum of San Lorenzo won the 100 in 11.96 and Aisha Margain won the 200 in 24.96. Keith won't be running in the individual events, so she should be fresh for the 1,600 relay.

"I'm just happy we got in the relay," Keith said. "We're going to state."

"They (San Lorenzo) have a strong team, but we're going to be strong in the end," Coleman said.

Oakland Strokes pulling for a national rowing title

Berkeley and Kensington rowers head to Cincinnati

By Peter Mentor

The Oakland Strokes are on a roll that most crew teams would envy. Over the last two years they have won every single race they've entered — except one.

That one race is the U.S. Rowing Youth Invitational Regatta in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they are headed this weekend to try once more to win a national championship.

The Strokes won the silver medal there last year, which isn't exactly losing a race, but it is not winning it either. Other than that, the boys varsity 8, which includes rowers James Gregg of Berkeley and Ben Kramer of Kensington, has rolled over the competition.

The winning streak goes back to the fall of 1997, when the placed second to Marin Rowing the Stanford Regatta in November. Since then it's been nothing but gold.

Among the string of victories are back-to-back gold medals at the Windermere Cup in Seattle, the San Diego Crew Classic, and the Battle of the Bay against Northern California teams.

The Strokes have also won three years in a row at 5,000-meter Head of the Estuary, held in the fall at the Oakland Estuary. Six of the rowers who went to nationals last year are back with the boat.

Most recently the Strokes, consisting of rowers from Berkeley, Kensington, Oakland, Piedmont and other local areas, swept all the men's races on May 9 at the 1999 U.S. Rowing Southwest Regional Junior Championship at Lake Natoma in Sacramento.

Oakland won the Men's Varsity 8, the Men's Junior Varsity 8, the Men's Lightweight Varsity 8 and the Men's Novice 8 races in a blanket victory for the team.

The varsity 8 team finished first in the 2,000-meter sprint in 6 minutes, 17.2 seconds, or 1.6 seconds ahead of second place Pacific Rowing of San Francisco (6:18.8).

In the winning boat were Gregg of Berkeley, Kramer of Kensington, Dave Adams, Tony Laglia and coxswain Melissa Mowat of Piedmont, Ben Hutcheon and Morgan West of Oakland, and Mike Romano and Tage Howerton of Orinda.

That group is making the trip to Cincinnati this weekend. Most of the rowers are in their last year of rowing juniors and many will be heading to college to compete on that level in the fall.

Head-Royce School and Piedmont High students make up a large contingent of the team. Adams and

Laglia attend Piedmont High, while Hutcheon, West, Kramer, Howerton and Mowat are all Head-Royce School students. Gregg is at Bishop O'Dowd, and Romano attends Miramonte High.

The men's junior varsity 8 won its race in 6:29, three seconds ahead of St. Ignatius. Stephan Bathurst of Kensington was in that boat with Mike King and Mike Laglia of Piedmont, Robert Greenlee, Mike Logsdon, John Klabau, Brian Hunt and T.J. March of Orinda and Daniel McCaslin of San Leandro.

The Strokes winning men's varsity lightweight 8 boat, comprised of rowers 155 pounds or less, had Mike Laglia winning his second gold of the day. The Strokes won the race in 6:34.6 with an 8-second margin over Marin Rowing. Joining Laglia were Eric Peterson of Piedmont, Howerton, McCaslin, Greenlee, Logsdon, Marsh and Hunt. That boat will also be racing in Cincinnati.

Finally for the men, the Strokes men's novice 8 finished its sprint in 6:50.2 to win by two seconds over Marin Rowing. In the gold medal novice boat were Eric Berger and Charley Murphy of Berkeley, John Hertz of Kensington, Doug Watson of Piedmont, Tim Moura of San Leandro, John Heylin of Canyon, Evan Schumacher and Jan Aarts of Lafayette and Mia Heetderks of Orinda.

String of victories

The men's varsity 8 won their second straight Windermere Cup in Seattle on May 1 before an enthusiastic crowd of 70,000.

Oakland represented its home state well as it took on the fastest crews from Canada, Washington and Oregon in this 1,500-meter race.

The Strokes, who also won the Windermere Cup last year, did not have an easy time defending their title. Their string of wins, including this one, has not come without a lot of hard work.

Before the race, winds of nearly 30 miles per hour whipped Lake Washington into a froth of whitecaps and long, rolling swells. The extreme conditions forced rowers to bail their boats before the race through the Montlake Cut. Many of the rowers were shivering and some were numb.

Eventually, though, the race did start — despite the din of boat horns, spectators and television helicopters that drowned out the starter's bullhorn. But with the drop of the flag, everyone knew that the race was under way.

Oakland began in the fourth lane, the least-favored lane in the race. Seattle's Greenlake Crew held the lead midway through the race, but

by the 1,200-meter mark, the Canadian national champion City Rowing Center had overtaken with Oakland second seats.

With only 300 meters to go, the Strokes reached deep into their energy reserves. In a mad dash to finish, Oakland overpowered the Canadian team.

Oakland ultimately won the race with a time of 5:20.93. Vancouver took second (5:23.67), followed by Greenlake (5:30.10) and the Northwest Regional champion Rowing Unlimited (5:31.00).

The Strokes expect this atmosphere and more in Cincinnati this weekend, as over 500 teams best rowers converge for a national title.

Girls rowing

The guys are not the only ones at the Strokes. The women's 8 and junior varsity 8 each won bronze medals at the Southern California Regional in Sacramento, the women's third junior 8 team home. The men's novice 8 also placed second at the regatta.

The women's varsity 8 had a race of the season, finishing 7:18. That boat consisted of Morton, Hilary Meunier and Kaitlyn of Oakland, Katharine Jolda of Piedmont, Margaret Mangini of Piedmont, Vorono and Dana Gissel of Orinda and Catherine Hunt and Lerner of Orinda.

Kase attends Holy Name while Meunier is an O'Dowd student. Jolda and Mangini are at Piedmont High and Gissel is at Heald.

The girls junior varsity 8 also third in 7:50.4. Abby Serrano of El Cerrito was in that boat. Lydia Russell (Orinda), Liz Gissel (Alameda), Beth Linton (Oak Creek), Kristi Kaiser (Orinda), Amanda Malmquist (Morgan Hill), Van Dam (Orinda), Eschmontgomery (Alameda) and Linn (Orinda).

In one of the closest finishes in the state championship, the third varsity boat took a silver medal, finishing 2.2 seconds behind Serra-Notre Dame crew. They only two tenths of a second from the Capital Crew.

Rowing for the Strokes boat were Heather Traynor of Berkeley, Heather Taylor (Moraga), Caronna-Craig, Anne Johnson, Grizter, Laura Tuuri and Victoria Washburn of Piedmont, Victoria Hoften (Lafayette) and Ashley Hoften (Orinda).

St. Mary's

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jump," he said. "Then I was the rule does apply in these (championship) meets, so I missed it."

He'll know better next time. He gets another chance at the Meet.

The only discordant note in the Panthers was in the girls' 100 yard; the handoff was missed in the third and fourth legs, but the team did not qualify.

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Gauchos

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Chabot College.

Shalonda Reynolds, who also went to the prom, made it to the state trials in the 300-meters, finishing fourth in 46.17.

The El Cerrito girls 1,600 relay team also qualified for state, finishing second to San Lorenzo in 3:56.62. The Rebels were winners in 3:48.41.

"I knew we going to make it," said Rashaida Coleman, who ran the second leg of the 1,600 relay for El Cerrito. "I had faith in our team. I didn't have faith in myself because I took off too fast (in the passing lane) but our hand-offs

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Arts

Conjuring images from photography, wood, charcoal and zinc

Berkeley artist Keba Konte's one-of-a-kind, evocative medium is featured at this weekend's Live Oak Park Fair

By James Carter

Keba Konte remembers helping his father repair burned out Victorian houses in San Francisco. To this day, the scent of charred wood conjures up the image of his father, a carpenter who lost his way.

Konte is an artist with a vision as sharp as razor wire and as bright as the African sun. His work liberates images from plywood and headboards—muntu, a view of the living and the dead, and rumba, the dance.

Born in the Haight Ashbury district of San Francisco, Konte fused the skills of his parents into a new art form, one that combines photography and montage, carpentry and charcoal.

Africa is a recurring theme in Konte's work. He traveled through Senegal and Guinea Bissau in 1992; two years later, he witnessed and photographed Nelson Mandela's historic victory in South Africa.

In 1997-98, Konte traveled throughout East Africa, his 11-year-old daughter at his side. The image of a young man from Tanzania permeates a work Konte calls "Vanishing Point." There he is looking right at you, though his thoughts reveal elephants running wild.

Konte said he has been doing his simple yet exotic form of wood photo-image montage for two years now.

"I saw something at an art festival, and it gave me an idea. I experimented with photographic images—for the most part, black and white—and transferred them onto raw wood incorporating the knots, highlighting characteristics of the grain, cutting away inches of wood then planting photographic prints there.

"The process is transfer photography, but the genre is photo montage as I blend different images into the wood."

Konte points to an oak headboard, one that will be shown with other work this weekend at the Live Oak Park Fair.

Candles burn nearby, though it is day.

"I began this piece with a photograph from South Africa," Konte said. "It has a dreamlike quality to it, with kids running across these rays. These are row houses in Soweto," he said as he ran his finger across the grain, "which in this piece blends into a temple from Kyoto. Then there is this incredible tombstone I photographed while in Japan."

"I torched a portion of this piece,"

he said. "Sometimes I torch sections of my work because it brings out the wood—the grains and other images. But it also reminds me of when I worked with my father in burnt out houses in the Western Addition of San Francisco."

Konte fell back into his thoughts for a moment, then returned.

more in common than we do here.

"I've found a lot of similarities throughout Africa, Central America, and even some rural areas in Europe. People there share a kind of cultural understanding that I don't think is the same here—just in terms of the use of resources and relationships with each other. You know, just real people."

images."

Konte is keenly aware of the imagery surrounding black people these days, especially since his father is African-American and his mother is of European descent. The artist said he recently picked up a magazine and randomly showed pictures to his mother-in-law, a Dane visiting his wife and the family.

"Most of the images in the magazine of black people were athletes or criminals. Being from Denmark, I guess she didn't know," he said.

Just two years ago, Konte shot photographs for album covers and inserts—images of rappers and guns, lavish automobiles and gold chains.

"It really was a whole different world than this kind of fine art scene. It was sort of underground, gangsta rap music scene. I was doing album covers for E-40, and Master P when he was in Richmond. But I grew tired of that. There weren't too many positive images there."

"Now I can do what I want to do," he said. "I'm tryin' to tell these people's stories—folks from Senegal, Guinea Bissau, Oakland—like this graffiti artist here."

Konte points to a work called "Semion," where a young man leaps high into the air, hands behind his back.

"That's his name," Konte said. "This was shot in East Oakland. A lot of people think it is South Africa. And the way I've got that burn on the grain over there, and the barbed wire. It has an ominous feel to it."

"It brings up a lot of different images with people who interpret it. It's a lynching kind of image, hands behind his back, neck outstretched, and the barbed wire. Some people think he's imprisoned, trying to look over the wall. But he's actually just trying to work on a graffiti piece he's doing by the train tracks in East Oakland."

"The burn. The torched part. People see different things there, too. Some see spirits, others smoke. Maybe he has wings. It's a mystery, really. People say it is amazing. It amazes me, too. I have to admit."

Art always amazes people, even its creators. Konte's work conjures up images from wood and charcoal and zinc, visions of people with the eyes of martyrs and saints, conquerors and oracles, all going against the grain, all embedded in what was once a large branch or the trunk of a tree.

The beauty is that the faces are those of just ordinary folks.



BERKELEY ARTIST, Keba Konte, with his art work of transfer photographs onto wood. Konte will display his work at the Live Oak Park Fair June 5 and 6.

"I've been to Mexico, Central America—many different places. In the United States, we feel as if we're the center of the world. We think that's how everybody is living. It's important to move outside of these boundaries and see that most of the world has

ple, poor and working people. Things are different here.

"The work I do, a lot of it has political connotations, I guess. But I also like to show black people in a very beautiful light, and to tell people's stories. To share their stories and their

Live Oak Park to host annual fair Saturday and Sunday

The 29th Annual Live Oak Park Fair will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 5, 6, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck Ave. at Berryman in Berkeley.

Summer. Creative expression. Exuberant art. Innovative performers. Berkeley's well-loved "Live Oak Park Fair" celebrates them all. One hundred juried arts and crafts booths feature one-of-a-kind clothing, jewelry and musical instruments exhibited by the makers. Performance highlights include FatChanceBellyDance, hip-hop by Culture Shock and female Argentine tango dancers.

There's something for the whole family. Throughout the day, storytellers, jugglers, and magicians will perform. Parents and children can create their own wacky hats and wands at the hands-on activity center.

Bring your own picnic or assemble one at the fair. Then enjoy your lunch on Live Oak Park's rolling lawns, under its huge shade trees. Admission is free.

The 1999 entertainment schedule is as follows:

Saturday, June 5: 1 p.m. Culture Shock, Hip-hop Dancers of All Ages; 2 p.m. Argentine tango with Chelsea and Alisa; 3 p.m. Mary Schmary, A



ARGENTINE TANGO DANCERS Alisa Adams, left, and Chelsea Eng, will be performing at the Live Oak Park Fair at 2 p.m. on June 5 and 6.

HOT SHEET!

UC-Berkeley's Art Museum presents "Show and Tell: A Selected History of Photography and Video." Through July. Call 510-642-0808

"Pirate Story," a Central Works play about female pirates, premieres Friday, June 4 at 427 Water St., Jack London Square, Oakland. Call 510-558-1381

Jazz singer and composer Rhannon joins electric cellist and vocalist Jamie Sieber in an evening of music and story at 8 p.m. Sunday, June 6, at the Freight & Savage in Berkeley. Tickets \$14 advance, \$15 at door. Call 510-540-5929

EVENTS

Concert

Summer sounds of the city
"Summer Evening Sounds," an annual concert series offered by City Center in Oakland, begins at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 3.

The free event—featuring a variety of musicians from swing to pop—will run from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. each Thursday through September.

The series is held in the plaza at City Center, which is located near the 12th Street BART station in downtown Oakland.

Jazz artist Kitty Margolis is the scheduled performer June 3. She will be followed by Zulu Spear (June 10), Zeena Quinn and Sweet N' Sour Swing (June 17) and Lloyd Gregory and Friends (June 24).

Call the City Center events hotline at 510-628-8490 for more information.

Dance

Dance of the dead
The Aurora Theatre Company's seventh season concludes with a revival of August Strindberg's "The Dance of Death (Part One)," directed by Richard Rossi, and featuring Marvin Greene, Lee Ann Manley and Julian Lopez-Morillas.

"The Dance of Death (Part One)" plays Wednesdays-Sundays, through June 20 at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets, priced from \$22 to \$32, are available by calling the Aurora Theatre box office at 843-4822.

Art

Oakland Museum of California

Bay Area Sculptors Group Exhibition V: The Object, features the work of four Bay Area sculptors: Margaret Herscher, Charlie Milgrim, Eddy Martinez Hood and Jane Grimm. Each turns found objects into new ones and recreate common objects from unexpected materials.

The exhibition is on view at the museum of California Sculpture Court at City Center, 1111 Broadway, Oakland, through Sept. 11.

Sculpture court hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Admission is free. For more information, call 1-888-625-6873.

Art

Open studio in Emeryville
Ripe and juicy women, winking eyes and playful installations are images that are not usually associated with the macho art of welding.

Welcome to the "Open Studio" event at Vickie Jo Sowell's Unruly Images studio.

Visitors entering through the hand-wrought humorous metal gates during the first weekend June 5-6 will be treated to an incredible garden feast amid welded sculptures in the yard, the studio and even on the exterior walls of the house and studio.

Come the first weekend to enjoy the annual garden free food fest, this year focusing on Indian cuisine. This open studio event is not to be missed.

Free and open to the public two weekends in June: June 5-6 and June 12-13, 11-6 p.m., Unruly Images is located at 3616 Peralta Street behind the Pac 'n save shopping center) in Emeryville. Call the Unruly Images Studio for more information at 655-7374.

Show and Tell

The University of California, Berkeley Art Museum presents "Show and Tell: A Selected History of Photography and Video," a survey of the history of photography from daguerreotypes to contempo-

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Multimedia Notes

By Bill Mann

Who's hot, who's not in local radio

Day Media Madness: Ratings are what broadcasters live by—and for. The good news is that in our local radio ratings, KSFJ, with its Clinton-bashing format, has dropped from 10th place to 18th in the winter Arbitron ratings. The bad news came in the May Nielsen TV sweeps, where KRON failed to take advantage of the big gains it had made in early evening, and KGO managed to squeak by at 5 p.m. with a win. At 6 p.m., Channel 7 got an easier win, even though the Joe (Terilyn) newscast's ratings are off from a year ago.

This came amid rumors that Terilyn could finally be on her way out. Now there are stories that the sincere-looking Joe might be a candidate to co-anchor CBS's perennially lame morning show. (Hmmm... wonder where THOSE rumors might have started.) My e-mail from Hills readers has consistently run about 10-1 against the human-like "ABC-7" (don't you just love branding?) anchor for the past four years.

Oddly, both KRON and KGO posted the exact same ratings in May at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. that they did in the November sweeps. Stated. Meanwhile, KPIX's low-budget newscast continues to sink lower and lower in the Nielsens at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. If they get any lower, as the joke goes, they'll have to look up to look down. And if KPIX wishes old pro Dave McElhatton out and keeps younger co-anchor Dana King, the CBS station hasn't addressed the whole problem. But reckless sports anchor Drew Scher should be the first to go.

KRON's too-chatty D.C. import Darya Folsom, KRON's 5:30 a.m. anchor, may want to reconsider coming back from maternity leave—KRON's "Daybreak" got hampered by Channel 4's 5:30 a.m. Nielsens down almost 50 percent from a year ago, allowing KPIX to tie it for first. Where's Malou? It's even worse at 5 a.m., when KRON's putative, overexposed "star" Malou Nubla's newscast got clobbered: it's lost about two-thirds of its audience from May 1998. KGO-TV is now tied for first with KRON at 5 a.m. (In all fairness, Joe Oliver also co-anchors the 5 a.m. "cast"). I've been saying for some time that former KRON secretary Nubla is too young and far too inexperienced to be the credible as a news anchor, and that her appearance at the desk proves that once-dominant newscast is shaky, gimmicky look. KRON's "Daybreak" franchise is in jeopardy even as the station does well at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.: The NBC affiliate is also down in the 6-7 a.m. hour.

KTVU's 10 p.m. newscast won the late-news race again, predictably, and many thanks to anchor Dennis Richmond for the 2nd mention of yours truly and the Montclair on last Friday's homage to outgoing Channel 2 news director Fred Zehnder.

Want some more good ratings news? San Francisco's classical station, KDFC-FM, which almost vanished three years ago, tied for seventh in the local Arbitron radio ratings. A classical station finishing in the Top 10 in major markets is a rarity, and even though KDFC isn't the same station it was five years ago (some of its ads now are awful), at least it's still alive. KGHZ isn't. KDFC's Bonneville Broadcasting (Mormon Church-owned) sister station, easy listening KOST, placed second overall to newscast KGO in the last Arbitron book—despite that incredibly annoying redhead on their TV ads.

Short Stories: It didn't take long for me to start getting twisted e-mail after diminutive actor Billy Barty's motorscooter accident this week (Barty will be fine). "Van Nuys," a pseudonymous Hollywood writer, e-mails, "An ambulance happened to get Barty, and 27 blows popped out." (Ba da BING.) Billy's covered by three accident plans: The Screen Actors' Guild, The Directors' Guild, and the Lollapalooza Guild. One more: "Had Billy any further, the doctors said he would have been three feet untethered." ... More show-biz/short-people items: You can always count on the New York Post for a great headline, and the Murdoch daily came up with one after the acrimonious trial pitting Disney czar

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The hills are alive with art Events

An eclectic nine-artist group called Arts in the Hills, whose work ranges from colorful quilts to paper sculptures, will display its creations during an open studio in Montclair on Saturday, June 5.

An artists reception is being held from 5-7 p.m. at the studio, 6470 Mor-



ARTIST SALLY LANDIS

aga Blvd., Montclair.

Several of the artists met last year while participating in the 16th annual

ART EXHIBIT

What: "Arts in the Hills," a local artists exhibit and reception

Where: 6470 Moraga Blvd., Montclair

When: Saturday, June 5
Time: open studio 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; artist reception 5-7 p.m.

East Bay Open Studios tour.

Several members of the group began meeting once a month with a vision of banding together for open art studio exhibitions.

Indeed, "Arts in the Hills" is a varied showcase of local artists.

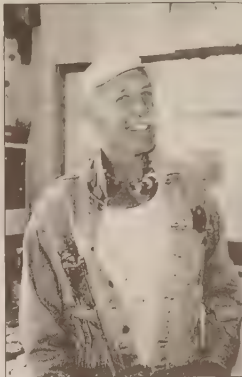
Oakland native Violet Chew-MacLean, a high school arts teacher, will display her handcrafted paper figures.

Claudia Comay, also an Oakland resident, uses quilts as the foundation for her artistic creations.

Artist Jeff Lowe's "Loco Roco" is a collection of various recycled metal objects, which he handcrafted into elaborate lamps and candlesticks.

Robin MacLean, afflicted with carpal tunnel syndrome which has prevented her from being able to draw, will display a series of pastel landscapes.

Other members of the group include Sarah Dwyer, Michael Grbich,



ARTIST MICHAEL GRBICH

Sally Landis, Cindy Lowe and Sidney Mullen.

"Most artists work on their own and get absorbed in their own work," said Dwyer, a Montclair resident and oil painter. "They work on their own paths, their own ideas. It's easy to get too much into that. But by being in this group, you can really broaden your life."

Gallery hours will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sunday, June 13.



ARTIST SARAH DWYER in her studio.

Mann

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lieutenant, Jeffrey "Sparky" Katzenberg: "Katz Gets Mouse," read the Post headline after Katzenberg's big judgement. CBS's Craig Kilborn said Eisner's nemesis announced, "I'm going to Katzenberg land!" afterwards. PC alert: The word "midget" did NOT appear, as one might expect, in the Barty item, but it does here: Kilborn said Eisner apologized for calling Katzenberg a "midget" by saying, "For a short, ugly, little man, he's actually quite tall and handsome." ...

More Hollywood Humor: Oakland reader Steven Berry writes: "Have you heard that Kevin Costner waited in line for three hours to see 'Phantom Menace'?" No, I hadn't. "When asked about it, he said, 'I've always wanted to be part of a successful movie.'" Thanks, Steve. Kilborn again: "Movie experts say that if the latest 'Star Wars' movie continues to gross an average of \$1 million an hour after three weeks ... it will still stink." ... Good weekend movie bet: Offbeat Aussie movie "The Castle." A charming, funny look at a white-trash Australian family that loves living under the main runway at

Melbourne airport ... Male Bonding—and UN-bonding dept: Your best weekend TV bet is Showtime's remake of the 1982 film and Pulitzer-winning Broadway play, "That Championship Season." It airs Sunday night at 8, and this time Paul Sorvino plays the coach of the Pennsylvania high-school state championship basketball team at its 20th reunion. It's also Sorvino's directorial debut, and when you have co-stars like the ultra-talented Tony Shalhoub ("The Big Night") and Gary Sinise to go with a wonderful script, it's magic. This superb and updated new version (it takes place in 1998) is the best made-for-cable movie in many months and is quite a bit better than the 1982 feature film ...

Alameda's Steve Bitker, author and capable KCBS Radio sports anchor, must love the game of baseball, because for three years now he's been schlepping up to Rohnert Park to broadcast home games of the Class A Sonoma Crushers. This season the Crushers' broadcasts are no longer on a local AM talk station in Santa Rosa, but on an obscure religious station, KBBF-FM, that even radio pros in Santa Rosa I asked had never heard of ... Yes, that was indeed East Bay resident and KTVU morning anchor Diane Dwyer be-

ing attacked by a goose the other night on one of Fox's "Wildest/Funniest Videos" show ... Pay absolutely no attention to many of the local Emmies, since they're judged by news people in other, usually smaller, markets. Take for example KPIX's being awarded Best Newscast for the third

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graphy from daguerreotypes to contemporary photo installations and of early video art.

This informative exhibition is drawn from the collections of the Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, and that of Bay Area collector Richard Lorenz, and has been curated by Phyllis Wattis M-TRIX Curator Heidi Zuckerman Jacobson.

The exhibition will be on view in the Museum's Swig Gallery (Gallery 5) through the end of July, 1999. "Show and Tell: A Selected History of Photography and Video" presents a special opportunity for museum visitors to see seminal works of photography and video.

Also on view in the Theater Gallery at the UC-Berkeley Art Museum is an exhibition of photographs by Dutch filmmaker and photographer Johan van der Keuken.

"One Eye at the Camera, the Other on the World: Photographs by Johan van der Keuken" will remain on view until June 27. For further information on this or any other museum programs, call 510-642-0808.

Moochnek Gallery

Cecile Moochnek will present new works by renowned Japanese sculptor Masuo Nakajima.

Nakajima makes his home in Nagano, Japan and is part of a 900 year artistic lineage.

After a successful exhibition with the Cecile Moochnek Gallery in 1997, Nakajima returns with 21 new sculptures of a deep sea green metamorphic stone exploring aspects of the sphere.

Each sculpture has a powerful, yet quiet presence.

Located at 1809-D Fourth St. (upstairs). Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 549-1018 for information.

Storytelling at the library

Oakland Public Library presents storyteller Jamie Myrick, in "A Meeting with Harriet Tubman."

This free interactive musical performance transforms members of the audience into 19th century slaves, learning for the first time about the Underground Railroad, the abolitionist movement, famous slaves who escaped, hymns used as secret messages, navigating by starlight and using quilts as maps. You don't have to wait for African-American History month to meet Harriet Tubman.

Come to one of the following branches of the Oakland Public Library. For further information, call

one of these branches of the Oakland Public Library.

Temescal Branch: June 14, 1 p.m. 5205 Telegraph Ave. 597-5049
Golden Gate Branch: July 15, 11 a.m. 5433 San Pablo Ave. 597-5023
Lakeview Branch: Aug. 5, 1 p.m., 550 El Embarcadero 238-7344

Youth Concert Day

The Golden Gate Branch of the National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc., cordially invites the public, your family and friends to attend their members concert to the 11th Annual "Youth Concert Day"—event on June 13 at 3:30 p.m.

Events will be held at The Church by the Side of the Road, 210 Russell St.

The members concert will feature various outstanding members of Golden Gate, plus special guest soloist from the community.

The annual "Youth Concert Day" will feature young talented African-American musicians from around the Bay Area in concert.

Music concert

The Pacific horn trio: Richard Burdick, Janis Lieberman and Tom Reicher, Natural horns. Performing Baroque, classical and traditional hunting horn music in a program of Trinity United Methodist Church. French hornist and composer Richard Burdick will be featured performing several of his compositions including the premiere of his "Concerto for Two Horns" (chamber version). The June 5 concert starts at 8 p.m. The concert will take place in Trinity Chapel 2320 Dana St. in Berkeley.

Admission is by donation; no one will be turned away for lack of the suggested donation.

Price of \$10 general and \$8 for students, seniors, or handicapped. Call 549-3864 for information

Oaktown Jazz Ensemble

Asian Cultural Center presents a free performance by the acclaimed youth group, The Oaktown Jazz Ensemble, at Oakland Asian Cultural Center (OACC) on June 5, noon-1 p.m. The Oaktown Jazz Ensemble performance is part of a reception for 12 artists who are part of the Pro Arts Open Studio exhibit.

The location of OACC is 388-9th Street, No. 290, above the Pacific Renaissance Plaza parking garage.

For information call 208-6086. Refreshments will be available.

The Oaktown Jazz Ensemble's performance is to also highlight the multicultural craft and visuals by

artists at OACC.

Their artwork will be on display and for sale, the weekends of June 5 and June 12 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Silver anniversary

Asian Health Services will celebrate 25 years of service to the community with its Silver Anniversary Gala aboard the Hornblower yacht California on June 5. The gala starts at 6 p.m. from the Clay Bank dock of Jack London Square. The event includes a dinner and dance, auction, grand raffle and live entertainment by Channel 7 news anchor Kent Ninomiya.

The gala will feature a commemorative 25-year video retrospective of the community health center, which operates two primary clinics in Oakland for over 25 years.

Proceeds from the AHS 25th anniversary Gala will support the Community Care Fund, a fund which helps fund medical care for the indigent and uninsured.

For more information about Health Services or the AHS 25th anniversary Gala, contact Frances public relations and development director, Asian Health Services, Webster St., Oakland, CA 94612, or call 986-6830.

Virtuoso Music

The ensemble Flauti Da (Frances Feldon, recorder, baroque flute, David Bach, recorder and baroque clavier, Whelden, viola da gamba, Katherine Heater, harpsichord) presents "Virtuoso Music for winds from the France and many." The concert features works by Hotteterre, Dieupart, Telemann, and C.P.E. Bach. On June 5, 8 p.m., at St. Albans Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Street. Admission is \$16, general and \$10 for SFEMS, ARS, seniors, students, and Albany residents. For information, phone 337-7553.

This concert features an ensemble of Telemann trio sonata for recorders whose individual members are named after, and inspired by, famous female historical figures: two hauntingly beautiful sonatas on voice flutes by recorders in D) by Jacques Hotteterre; a quirky and virtuosic sonata for two recorders by Telemann solos by Flauti members: Katherine Heater on harpsichord, David Bach by Frances Feldon on baroque flute, and Charles Dieupart by Whelden on viola da gamba.

The concert takes place on June 5, 8 p.m., at St. Albans Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Street. Admission is \$16, general and \$10 for SFEMS, ARS, seniors, students, and Albany residents. For information, phone 337-7553.

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Capella Quartette.

Sunday, June 6: 1 p.m., swing, jitterbug and Lindy Hop; 2 p.m. Argentine tango with Chelsea and Alisa; 3 p.m. FatChanceBellyDance.

Alisa Adams and Chelsea Eng are pushing the frontiers of Argentine tango as dancers and choreogra-

phers. Breaking with the traditional pairing of a female follower and male leader, these innovative dancers trade off the role of leader and follower throughout their performance.

They will dance improvisational-style Argentine tango as choreographed, modern pieces to contemporary music.

Details: 986-9337.

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Dining & Entertainment

Advertising Feature

Garibaldi's On College

5356 College Ave., near Manilla
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You won't want to leave this stunning yet friendly atmosphere—it feels too good. A wood-fired oven gleams from the open kitchen and sizzles with half-chickens, fish and first-rate pizzas. Cold tapas make this a great place for sharing, and a semi-private back dining room is good for groups.

Zesty mussels, with saffron, aioli and orange are piled high, and a rich dessert of warm chocolate pudding-cake, espresso ice cream and toasted nuts is enough to satisfy almost anyone. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly.

The menu at Garibaldi's focuses on Mediterranean-style seafood, from tantalizing appetizers (baked oysters, scallop ceviche) to perfectly done entrees (grilled swordfish, spaghetti with scallops and prawns). For those who can afford it, and who can accept bustling energy in the stead of romantic ambience, Garibaldi's will keep them coming back. Major cards accepted and wheelchair accessible.

Nava Restaurant

5478 College Ave.
Rockridge (510) 655-4770

The best place in the East Bay to eat your last meal? That would be Nava, a new gem in Berkeley's culinary crown. This place is a winner and the bill of fare, which changes monthly to take exquisite advantage of peak seasonal ingredients, is downright fabulous.

The taste sensations here are seductive and varied, and it's a dull diner indeed who will not find him or herself calling the waiter over

throughout the meal to offer clues to some of the more exotic sauces and ingredients.

Every appetizer here is astounding, but the crab cakes are a knockout, enhanced by a range of exotic relishes, glazes, and sauces, on every menu so far. The menu features seven to eight entrees priced from \$11.94 to \$18 featuring fish, fowl, a vegetarian entree or two, and fabulous cuts of meat. After exchanging bites you will agree this is perhaps the best meal you have eaten in the last decade or so.

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The Telegraph restaurant hours are Monday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Closed Sundays.

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Julia Morgan Theater

2640 College Ave. Berkeley
(510) 883-7038

The Julia Morgan Center is proud to announce the American

Broadway Music festival. For six weekends beginning May 29, the theatre will resound with classic American showtunes, jazz and gospel.

Tickets range from \$10 to \$25, and all show begin at 8 p.m. except for the July 4 matinee at 4 p.m. See the display ad on this page for specific show titles.

Continuing every Saturday, the Julia Morgan Center offers Theatre Rats Saturday Camp. Kids ages 6 1/2 to 13 can participate in singing, dancing, acting, swimming, and having fun! Prices are \$35 for one day or \$120 for four sessions.

Coming this summer are full two-week Theatre Rats sessions. For more information on these or other Julia Morgan Theater shows call (510) 84-JULIA.

Sergio's Trattoria

5299 College Ave.
Oakland (510) 655-2869

This fine dining establishment will bring back memories for transplanted New Yorkers and create new ones for the Californian looking for a taste of "Little Italy." The ambience is abundant.

Outdoor, cafe style dining coupled with an intimate, formal indoor seating offer you the best of both worlds while enjoying the sumptu-

ous cuisine.

Dinning is only part of what makes Sergio's such an outstanding restaurant. The waiters help customers determine which entree will please the individuals' palate. Patrons have learned to rely on the waiters' recommendations.

Seafood, pasta, chicken, meat, plus daily specials are featured. Italian born owner, Sergio, feels his food is extra pleasing because "it's prepared with extra amore." Recently re-decorated, Sergio's Trattoria is more inviting than ever. Dine inside, or outdoors in the heated patio.

The easy listening Italian background music adds to a touch of romance to the intimate setting. Live music on weekends. Banquet facilities for small groups available. Dining at Sergio's is truly an authentic Italian experience. Wheelchair accessible.

Julia Morgan Theater

Saturday, June 5, 8:00 pm
Second show in the American Broadway Music Festival



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El Cerrito Plaza update presentation set

After years of listening to rumors about the future of El Cerrito Plaza, Chamber members are scheduled to hear from someone who should know what the real story is! Guest speaker at the Chamber's next monthly business luncheon on June 28 will be Ron Holley, the person picked to supervise the Plaza revitalization project.

In announcing the noon session at Little Ange's Restaurant and Tavern, 6115 Potrero Ave., Chamber President Bill Kerber said: "By that time we should know what stores have committed to open at the Plaza and what the construction looks like. How much information we will really have will strictly depend on how fast our city officials act."

"It is my hope the Planning Commission moves in a positive fashion to clear the way for the start of work on the Plaza — since this would obviously serve the best interests of this community and its residents."

"Failing that, it would be prudent for the City Council — realizing the project would be seriously delayed if excavation for relocation of a storm drain on the property was not started in July — to give Plaza owners the green light over any objections the Planning Commission might raise." This session, which is open to members of the Chamber and their guests, is expected to draw a capacity crowd. Because of this, Kerber urged those wish to attend to immediately call the Chamber office at (510) 233-7040 for reservations.

Membership growth still strong

Membership in the El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce continued its rapid growth over the past two weeks as 10 new full members and three associate members joined this organization and two former members rejoined.

With the signup total for 1999 now at 45, the latest to gain full membership include: WebWorks, East Bay Limo Airport Service, Petroleum Sales, Inc., Tour O'Keeffe Country, Single Cycle Repair, Rollin' Along,

Mandalay Associates, Dana Meyer Foreign Car Service, Marty's Motors and Unparalleled Lines Graphic Design Studio.

Founded by Kamala Appel in December of 1997, WebWorks serves small businesses and public agencies that are ready to expand to the internet. As internet facilitator, Appel works closely with clients to tailor the design of their website to their current and future needs. She can be reached by telephoning (510) 527-9245.

Owned and operated by Earl Miller, Bay Area Limo serves all airports and supplies sedan service at lowest rates for all occasions such as proms, weddings, chartered parties and wine country tours. Twenty-four-hour service is available by calling 1-888-232-5602.

Petroleum Sales Inc. operates Del Norte Exxon Service and Tiger Mart at 11687 San Pablo Ave. Under the direction of manager Ram Baldev, the service station and food mart is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Sylvia Falcon of 2616 Sonoma St. in El Cerrito runs an unusual tour service — taking groups on 7-day trips to view the New Mexico home and painting sites of Georgia O'Keeffe. For details call Falcon at (510) 233-7040.

Owned and operated by Trung Pham, Single Cycle Repair specializes in the sale and service of outdoor power equipment such as string trimmers, blowers, chain saws, hedge trimmers and rototillers. This recently opened firm is located at 10368 San Pablo Ave.

Rollin' Along, owned and operated by Dave and Lee Nishmas, specializes in the sale and servicing of mobility equipment such as scooters, wheelchairs, lifts and ramps.

This home-based business is located at 1332 Everett St. and may be contacted at (510) 215-0625.

Human resource counseling is provided by Mandalay Associates, a home based firm that can be reached by calling (510) 526-4651. Heading up this company as chief executive

El Cerrito Chamber

By Sewall Glinternick

officer is Kristina Combs.

Dana Meyer Foreign Car Service, located at 700 San Pablo Ave. in Albany has specialized in the repair of Hondas, Nissans, Toyotas, Vws and Mazdas since 1975. The company is both a Consumer Value Star and AAA approved auto repair facility.

Now open for business at 10929 San Pablo Ave. is Marty's Motors. Owned and operated by Marty Kaliski, the firm offers expert European and Japanese import service as well as minor, major and maintenance 3M service. This recently opened high tech facility also features customer shuttle service to home or BART.

Unparalleled Lines Graphic Design Studio, at 309 El Cerrito Plaza, supplies expert design, advertising and illustration work. Heading up this business are owners Ellen and Keith Jeffers.

Rejoining the Chamber after an absence of several years is the El Cerrito Pet Hospital. Located at 11800 San Pablo Avenue, the firm is headed by Dr. David E. McClun.

Also renewing its membership after an absence of almost four years is More Car Co., formerly located in El Cerrito but now doing business at 3635 San Pablo Dam Road in El Sobrante. The firm is owned and operated by Rich Weyeneth.

The El Cerrito Chamber's newest associate members are the West Coast Children's Center, Mayor Gina Brusatori and Britt Johnson.

Founded in 1979 in Albany, the Center moved to 545 Ashbury Avenue in El Cerrito six years ago. Under executive director Ken Parker the facility provides a variety of mental health services for low income youngsters age 2 to 18 and their families.

Six more members reinvest

The El Cerrito Chamber would like to thank the six latest mem-



A GOOD TIME was had by all local businesspeople who attended a recent Day At The Races at Gate Fields to see jockey Roberto Gonzalez ride a horse named Beright to victory in the El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce Handicap, the feature race of the day. A group of El Cerrito Chamber officials shown congratulating Gonzalez on his winning ride. From left to right: Chamber Manager Sewall Glinternick, current second vice president and former president Renata Bruton, Gonzalez, current president Bill Kerber and past president Verne Odlin.

bers to show their support for this organization by reinvesting for another year.

These loyal members include: Little Ange's Restaurant and Tavern, 6115 Potrero Ave.; Kumon Math & Reading Center of El Cerrito, 11100 San Pablo Ave., #106; The Good Stuff Thrift Shop, 10313 San Pablo Ave.; Super Print, 10176 San Pablo Ave.; as well as associate members Klem Schmidt and Larry Damon.

President's mixer scheduled

One of the El Cerrito Chamber's big annual social events takes place Wednesday, June 23, when Bill Kerber host one of his famous President's Mixers.

This event, which also marks the 68th anniversary of the Freeway Motel, will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the beautiful rose garden ad-

joined to Kerber's business at 11645 San Pablo Ave.

Advance reservations to 233-7040 are not required, but would be helpful in planning for this event.

Chamber wins praise

The El Cerrito Chamber won praise for its assistance with the recent 29th Earth Day celebration here.

The group was commended by the city in a proclamation signed Mayor Gina Brusatori that praised the Chamber for co-sponsoring the Earth Day fete in April. It also lauded local merchants for "generously responding with donations of food and services for the celebration."

Earth Day Co-Chair Janet Abelson, in a letter to Chamber manager Sewall Glinternick, said that without the chamber's help "this event would not be possible."

OBITUARIES

Phyllis Donald

Phyllis Donald born Oct. 10, 1917 in Tacoma, Wash. died at her home in Albany, on April 24, at age 81. She lived in the Berkeley-Albany area the majority of her life.

She graduated from the University of California in 1938 and worked on the university campus until her retirement. She is survived by her daughter Carol Nausin of Pinole, and sons Kenneth Donald of Auburn, Washington and Bruce Donald of

Federal Way, Washington.

She has six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Albany. Private services will be held in Washington. Donations may be sent to A.C.N., P.O. Box 456, Station A, Richmond, Calif.; 94808.

Teresa L. Fisher

Teresa L. Fisher passed away in Berkeley May 21, 1999. Loving wife for 55 years of Robert F. Fisher of Al-

bany; dear mother of Nancy Craig and her husband Woody of Capitola, and Robert and his wife Barbara Fisher of Antioch; devoted grandmother of Bret, Brandee, Dillon and Danielle; also survived by numerous other relatives. A native of San Francisco, aged 77 years.

Friends are invited to attend funeral services 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, at Sunset View Mortuary Chapel, lot of Fairmount Avenue, El Cerrito. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, May 24 at Sunset View. In lieu of flowers, donations may

be made to Children's Hospital Foundation, 747 52nd St., Oakland, CA 94609.

Elizabeth Teaster

Elizabeth Jean "Betty" Teaster died in Carmichael on May 22. Loving wife of the late Charles Teaster, survived by children Shirley Hall of Sacramento, Elizabeth J. Hill of Van Nuys, Caren Stark of Sikeston, Mo. Grandchildren Amy and Anne Hall both of Sacramento, Benjamin Pot-

ter of Van Nuys, Jenny and Laura Stark of Sikeston, Mo. Christopher Miller of El Cerrito, sister Doris Ulrich of Houston, Tx. Brothers Donald Ulrich of Redding and Richard Ulrich of Independence, Mo.

She was employed by Emporium Capwells for 20 years. A memorial service was held May 26 at Sunset View Chapel in El Cerrito. Final resting place is Alamo Cemetery, Lafayette, Calif.

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By Dr. Laura VanHarn

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In both of these diseases, the body gradually deteriorates, becoming fragile and vulnerable to falling and fracture. These disorders usually strike as one ages and women are more often the victim than men. In osteoporosis alone, between seven and eight million Americans have a disease, while nearly three times that many are at risk.

There are many treatments and strategies to combat these diseases. Recently, the Food and Drug Administration has expounded several promising new drug treatments but nothing presently available is sufficient to treat these diseases alone. According to Robert Recker MD, Director of the Osteoporosis Research Center at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, "other important factors should not be neglected". Strength training exercises and eating a proper diet, rich in calcium, are equally as important as any other therapy.

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By Dr. Lucy Liu Huang

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As I See It...

By Dr. Jason A. Deitch

Many people in the world today have limited their view of health care to what is seen and heard on ER, Chicago Hope and General Hospital. We have become enamored at the technical wizardry, miraculous chemistry and impressive vocabulary of Hollywood's finest actors. We feel secure to be members of the managed care organizations that proudly sponsors our favorite entertainment and we believe it is right to chronically take the over the counter remedies that doctors recommend most.

We live in a culture that believes that feeling healthy is the same as being healthy. We have become convinced that if and when symptoms do effect us, we should look to our doctors for answers. Often we search, not for what we can do to help us improve our health, but for what we can take to just feel better.

As our understanding of health care evolves, I believe that we will soon look back and wonder what we were thinking by putting dangerous pills and potions inside of sick people and expecting them to become healthy. We will wonder how we ever thought that we could be healthy with a lifestyle of chronic stress. We will question what kind of science ever believed that people were made of body parts that when injured or in pain, should be properly medicated, cut out or replaced, like auto parts.

What is inspiring to see is that even more people in the world today have expanded their view of health care. They have entered a new understanding in the biological sciences that restores a profound respect for mother nature and seeks to access personal power not to control or suppress it. The Eisenberg Study from Harvard University reported that in recent years, more people have been seeking help from nontraditional medical providers than from traditional medical providers. Those people most inclined to use nontraditional medical care are educated and live in the Western U.S. These services are usually paid for out of pocket. But did you know that the most popular category of nontraditional medical care is Chiropractic? In fact, Chiropractic is the largest drugless healing profession in the entire world. Chiropractic care has reportedly been shown to be of benefit to all age groups from newborns through seniors. People who have received Chiropractic care, commonly report that they feel better, heal quicker, for less money and without the need for unnecessary medications.

Are you ready to take a good look into the future of health care? A future based on utilizing the power of life to heal. A future that empowers us and our families to realize that health resides within and it is our choice to access it. My weekly report of findings is designed to provide our community with the latest in science, philosophy and politics of natural health and healing. It is time that we get together to ask and answer those thought provoking, controversial questions that are not headlined in prescription drug advertisements or glamorized by the cast of ER. I am here to remind you that we have incredible abilities that we have forgotten. We have the potential to reclaim our health by maximizing the power of life. We are worth it.

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Rethinking Your Eating Habits

Melissa Redd, Staff Nutritionist

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body fat."

What constitutes a healthy diet? The right combination of proteins, carbohydrates, and fats, with an emphasis on eating natural fruits and vegetables. This important food group provides the antioxidant vitamins A, C and E to help protect our cells against cancer. Certain fruits and vegetables are

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According to Dr. Andrew Weil, the author of **8 Weeks to Optimum Health**, you cannot get broccoli in a pill. It is reductionist thinking to believe that the part is equal to the whole, an isolated component, like a vitamin pill, can't offer the same protection benefits as a whole food. Here are some examples of what you gain by eating the real thing:

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- Avocado - Okay, even though 88% of its calories come from fat, it's primarily monounsaturated. One avocado supplies a quarter of your daily needs for magnesium and half of your daily needs for folic acid.
- Potatoes - Long shelf life if you can't get to the grocery store. Rich source of vitamin C, potassium, iron, B vitamins and fiber, especially if you eat the skin.
- Swiss Chard - Do you know what it is? One cup supplies 150 milligrams of magnesium. Great to stir fry with garlic, soy sauce and a little olive oil.
- Kale - You have to look a little harder for this one. One cup supplies 150 milligrams of magnesium and vitamin C.
- Dark Green leafies - This doesn't mean iceberg lettuce. Collard, beet, turnip or dandelion greens can boost your intake of folic acid, vitamin A, calcium, iron, potassium and fiber. Layer them in lasagna, add to pasta or soups.

Now that you have digested this information, here are a few more questions you need to ask before planning your healthier diet:

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Calendar

Submissions to Goings on About Town must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Classes

Registration is open for Vista Community College's 1999 summer session. Apply now through June 25. The session takes place June 21-July 31. The enrollment fee is \$12 per unit for California residents. Students can fill out an admissions application in person, use the touch-tone, or via the Internet at <http://www.peralta.cc.ca.us>. Vista is located at 2020 Milvia St. between University and Addison. Call 841-8860, ext. 231 or 267 for more information.

Life Stories/College and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

Contemporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

Dance and Fitness Classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly-dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Children

An evening of plays for kids and by kids on Friday, June 4, 6 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Berkeley. "Coyote & the Rolling Rock," "Coyote & Fox," "Coyote in the Forest," "The Elegant Rooster" and "Persephone's Journey." Entertainment for young and old performed by the students of the Elmwood School. Tickets are \$3 adults, children free. Call 704-0701 for additional information.

Health

YWCA Health and Community Education: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

GAIA, Bookstore and Community Center, 1400 Shattuck Ave., presents authors Susan Griffin and Ann Simpkinson. Griffin, author of "What Her Body Thought: A Journey into the Shadows" delves into her own traumatic experience with a disabling illness on Wednesday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. Anne Simpkinson, author of "Soul Work: Discover the Healing Power of Today's Consciousness Movement in a Comprehensive Guide to Spiritual Well-Being," will be at GAIA Thursday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. For additional information call 548-4172.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice—Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 683-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

The City of El Cerrito is accepting job applications for 1999 Summer Employment, day camp and pool staff positions. Ages 15 plus (must have job permit if under 18) Ages 12+ for volunteers. Applications may be picked up at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call 215-4370.

"Work Buddies"; volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief, 1-800-642-9355.

SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

English-in-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign U.S. scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-In Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; needs volunteers. The Center is open

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

Exhibits

The Albany Arts Committee exhibits "Facing Change," opening June 4 and continuing through Sept. 9 at the Albany Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave. The exhibit represents three eighth grade Albany Art classes led by art teacher Meg Brady. An opening reception takes place on Sunday, June 6 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Strawberry Creek Design Center, 1250 Addison St. No. 214 is the site for Open Studios, June 5-6 and 12-13. The works of Susan Brooks, handwrought jewelry and works on paper will be featured. Also featured are the works by artists Carol Shanks, Sherlyn Sharp and Laurel Fenenga. The center is open every Thursday and by appointment. For additional information call 845-2612.

The Berkeley Art Museum Pacific Film Archive presents "Emerge: New Work by UC-Berkeley Master of Fine Arts Graduates," through Aug. 15. Emerge is an exhibition of works by candidates for the Master of Fine Arts degree at UC-Berkeley. Artists include Nina Lynn Bellisio, Jason Byers, Soek Im Choi, Elizabeth Demaray, Stephanie Anne Johnson, and Katherine Shozawa.

ACCI Gallery and The Berkeley Florist present "Garden Art," an exhibit featuring wood and metal sculpture, ceramic planters, fountains and birdbaths. The exhibit runs through June 19. Call 843-2527 for gallery hours.

Instinct & Vision, a new exhibit, continues through June 27 at the Royal Ground Gallery, 2958 Mountain Blvd. Additional information call 339-0348.

New Pieces Gallery presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Literary Events

"Strong Women: Writers and Heroes of American Literature"; 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. every Thursday; free course in the Berkeley Adult School Older Adults Program; Helen Rippler Wheeler, instructor; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way; 549-2970 after 9 a.m.

Meetings

There will be a Town Hall Meeting for seniors on Friday, June 18, 10 a.m. to noon. In the Bermuda Room in the Richmond Civic Plaza. Supervisor John Golia will listen to concerns about transportation, housing medical care, Medicare and prescription cost, in-home care services, elder abuse, long term care and other social services. A no-cost lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. The meeting is sponsored by the West County Senior Coalition. Call 233-3427 for information or transportation.

The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

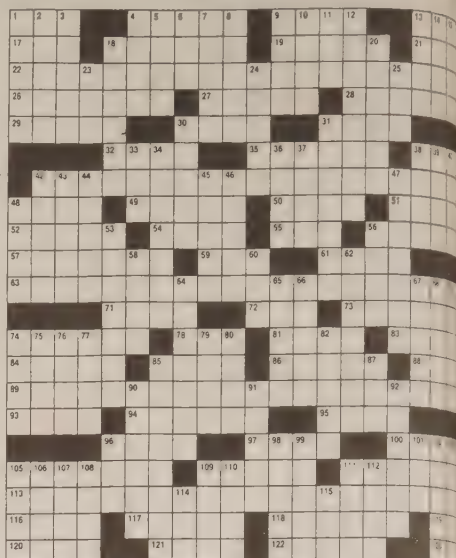
Spirituality and Healing Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth

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Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-5337; \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

TOPS; 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stagnate St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6888.

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters; meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 643-7645.

Toastmasters; noon - 1 p.m. Tuesdays; stand up and say what you mean; practice with the toastmasters; 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 883-6708.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

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MUSIC

A Weaving; Rhianon and Jami Sieber, innovative jazz singer and electrifying cellist present a collaborative evening of music and story on Sunday June 6 at Freight and Salvage Coffee House, 1111 Addison St. Music at 8 p.m., doors open

at 7:30 p.m. Show information call 548-1761, www.theflight.org.

The Mari West Quartet with special guests Jeff Narell, steel pianist, appears at the 18th Annual Longfellow Jazz Festival on Monday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at Mr. E's Night Club, 2286 Shattuck Ave. Also featured is the award-winning Berkeley High School Jazz Combo. Tickets are \$15 at the door. All proceeds benefit Longfellow School's music program scholarship fund. For information, call the voice mail at 644-6979.

Brazilian vocalist Adriana Moreno and Snake Trio perform the rhythms of Brazil on Thursday, June 3 at 8 p.m. at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave. The Snake Trio combines traditions of jazz and the rich, rhythmic folk music of Venezuela with the original and innovative musical ideas of its members.

Simon Berry plays "Music for Healing," on Friday, June 4—meditative organ and piano music to soothe the soul. The event is sponsored by St. David of Wales Church, 5641 Esmond Ave. Benediction follows at noon. Call 237-1531 for directions.

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra, Eric Hansen conductor, performs its summer concert at the Saint Ambrose Church, 1145 Gilman St., on Sunday, June 6 at 3 p.m. Admission is free, donations accepted. For information call 527-1519.

The San Francisco Choral Artists will perform at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Place, Kensington on Sunday, June 6, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 regular, \$12 seniors, students, disabled. For more information call 415-979-5779 or www.sfcca.org.

Berkeley Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 8, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Program begins at 7:30 a.m. with speakers, Tom Bowlin and Dave Faulk. The topic is "The New Art of Hiring Smart." Members are \$20 and non-members \$30. Call 549-7003 for additional information.

"Friday Night Folk Dancing: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

Outdoors

Volunteers are needed to assist in the

restoration of storm-damaged trails in Tilden Regional Park. No prior experience is necessary. The East Bay Regional District, the East Bay Area Trails Council and Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) join forces on the seventh annual National Trails Day, Saturday, June 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The group is looking for 150 volunteers. Refreshments and commemorative T-shirts will be given at the end of the workday. To register, call Barbara Hudler at 527-7377.

East Bay Regional Parks Botanical Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

Support

Stroke Support Group for Stroke survivors, their families and friends. No advance reservations required. Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way.

Lecture/Workshop

"Jobs That Make a Difference in Environmental Agencies" will be the topic of a workshop on Thursday, June 10 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Career Center Workshop, 2600 Bancroft Way. Learn about jobs and companies specifically in nonprofits. The workshop is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. For additional information, call 848-6370.

Gesar Mukpo speaks on "Getting Real — Life and Compassion" at the Trinity Hall, 2362 Bancroft Way, on Friday, June

11, at 7 p.m. Donation is \$5. For additional information call 415-975-0330.

"What is Meditation," is a practical and practical introduction to the meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 22 Shattuck Ave. Pragma Dove is the instructor. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

"Interview with Confidence" the topic of a workshop at the Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way, on Tuesday, June 8 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Get tips and practice how to prepare interviews. The workshop is free for members and \$5 for non-members. additional information call 848-6370.

Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. 236-8226 for Berkeley location

Religion

Sylvia Gretchen, dean of Nyngma Studies at the Nyngma Institute, 11 Highland Place, will present "The Uncover and transform negative emotional energy. The topic "How Transform Negative Emotions" will be discussed on Sunday June 6, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call 843-6812. There is free.

Kabbalat Shabbat service on June 7:30 p.m. Services are led by Rabbi Michael Ziegler, Chazzen Richard plan, Cantorial singer Rachel Brod, singer Laurie Polster, Laura Shapiro and guest musicians. Co-sponsors held at Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. For more information call 848-0227

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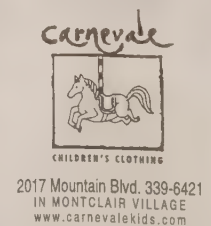
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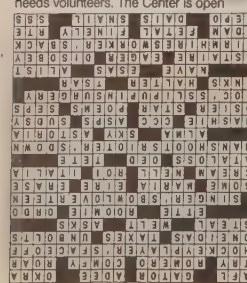
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Mitsubishi has more to offer than vehicles, execs say

Brand marketing campaign touts attitude in appeal to youthful market

Mitsubishi suggests that buyers stop considering dollars over dreams when shopping for one of their new cars. Consumers should look at the automaker's entire model lineup.

"We've been selling on price, instead of desirability," said Pierre Gagnon, Mitsubishi's chief operating officer.

"That's changing this year. We have great products, but not enough awareness of our reputation that tells consumers about our image, our culture, our technology, and what makes our vehicles special.

"We need to stand out. So we're going all-out to market Mitsubishi has a great brand to buy, whether you want a sports coupe, sedan, convertible, hatchback, or sport utility wagon."

Gagnon heads up Mitsubishi in the United States. The young Canadian brings his native country's separatist concepts to the job with an upbeat television commercial campaign, a refusal to join the herd toward mergers and an aggressive attitude.

"Mitsubishi is standing alone. We refuse to follow the trend of joining up with another car company," he said.

"While Daimler and Chrysler, Ford and Volvo, Renault and Nissan are partners, I believe that the consolidation of the international automotive industry is too much like musical chairs. Analysts told us we should follow suit. No way!"

Down the Road

By Jill Amadio



Jill Amadio

"Look at the brand name, then the model. The theory is gaining strength..."

If Mitsubishi is ignoring analysts' advice to seek an acquisitive partner, it is taking notice of the brand marketing trend. The mystique of this sales play is to persuade shoppers that an auto manufacturer's lineup of models shares the same characteristics and identity.

Therefore, you should first look at the brand name, then the model. The theory is gaining strength. Audi is the latest to announce its own brand traits, and other manufacturers are emphasizing their brands by building single-make facilities.

A year ago, Mitsubishi was treading water, trying to reassure nervous Eclipse,

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HIROSHI YAJIMA, Mitsubishi president and CEO (left), and Pierre Gagnon, executive vice president and chief operating officer, stand with the '99 Galant. Mitsubishi is trying to broaden its image in a brand marketing campaign that features the car company's culture and technology.

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1999 Ranger slips into sleek new image

Boring slabs of sheet metal and utilitarian interiors that can be washed down with a garden hose no longer characterize compact pickups. Entries into the market like Ford's versatile 1999 Ranger have shaken that old image.

Consumer demand for trucks that efficiently tote passengers, as well as cargo, has prompted a surge in extended-cab pickup popularity. Going a step further, Ford introduced its optional four-door SuperCab at the tail end of the 1998 model year.

SuperCab's narrow, forward-opening rear doors greatly boost access to the rear compartment. Clear access is achieved by deleting B-pillars, and engineering doors that swing open approximately 90 degrees and lock into position.

Front doors open first, exposing handles mounted in the rear door jams. Rear doors are fitted with large fixed windows, deep storage pockets and height-adjustable seat belts for front-seat passengers.

Aside from changes in color and trim items, the Ranger lineup has not been tampered with since a major freshening in the 1998 model year.

Rangers continue to be available in regular-cab and SuperCab models, Styleside and Flareside, two- and four-wheel drive, and with 6-foot and 7-foot (regular cabs only) cargo boxes. Model designations include XL and top-line XLT.

Passengers aboard a regular-cab XL model sit on a vinyl-covered 60/40-split bench. A cloth covered split bench is standard on XL SuperCabs and XLT. Bench seat models provide the standard convenience of a floor console with dual cup holders.

Cloth-clad sport buckets and a center floor console are optional on XLT 4x4 models. Rear, fold-down jump seats are a SuperCab option best suited for children.

Passenger safety gets a boost with standard dual reduced force airbags.

Truck Talk

By Tim Spell



Tim Spell

"Consumer demand for trucks that efficiently tote passengers has prompted a surge in extended cab popularity..."

A cutoff switch allows deactivation of the passenger side airbag for times when a rear-facing child seat is in use. These airbags are a supplement to standard height-adjustable three-point outboard safety belts.

Tunes are pumped through the cab by a standard AM/FM stereo with digital clock. A cassette player is standard with the XLT and an XL option. The addition of a single-disc CD player is an option on all models. All the above features, and an 80-watt power outlet, are available to XLT buyers as a premium audio package option.

Ford has gotten positive vibes from last year's exterior re-styling. Ranger received a larger, bolder grille — a thick trapezoidal frame with a pair of vertical bars. Trim levels can be distinguished by grille and bumper coloring, with the base XL model getting a graphite color and XLT flaunting a chrome treatment.

Four-wheel drive models gain an extra dose of macho with graphite-colored fender flares, a scalloped-bottom front valance and a pair of tow hooks. An XLT Off-Road Group is offered with exterior cosmetic upgrades, fog lamps, 245/75R-16 all-terrain tires, five-spoke cast-aluminum wheels and 4.10 axle. Sport Appearance Group packages also are offered for XL and XLT models to

help appease fans of the Splash, which has been deleted from the lineup. The Sport Appearance Group provides exterior enhancements, beefier tires and other pluses.

Function and flair can be added with a long list of accessories. Rangers can be fitted with running boards, front-end cover, hood deflector, sport hood cover, bike carrier, running bar, tonneau cover and bed liner. Ranger is even available with electric power and in flexible-fuel (ethanol/gasoline) versions.

Rangers are offered with a formidable power plant selection. The base 2.5-liter four-cylinder (U.S. only) produces 119 horsepower at 5,000 rpm and 146 foot-pounds of torque at 3,000 rpm.

Ranger's 3.0-liter V6 delivers a respectable 150 horsepower at 5,000 rpm and 185 foot-pounds of torque at 3,750 rpm. Workhorse grit comes with the 4.0-liter V6, which cranks out 160 horsepower at 4,200 rpm and 225 foot-pounds of torque at 2,750 rpm.

Ranger's standard transmission is a five-speed manual. Optional automatic transmissions include a four-speed automatic for 2.5- and 3.0-liter engines, and a five-speed automatic for models equipped with the 4.0-liter.

With muscular V6s and four-door convenience, the multidimensional Ranger boasts the credentials to be a strong player in today's more complex and sophisticated compact pickup game.

Prices for 4x2 regular-cab XL models start at \$12,355 (\$15,995 Canadian). SuperCab 4x2 XL prices begin at \$15,810 (\$18,995 Canadian).

Tim Spell is automotive writer for the Houston Chronicle Cars & Trucks section.

Women are top road writers

Drive, she said

By Denise McLuggage



Denise McLuggage

"Women can fall harder and perhaps in more whimsical ways for their cars than men do..."

For most women, the promise of freedom from four walls offered by four wheels is a disappointment. The car is merely a way of putting household chores on the road: shop for groceries, drop off the dry cleaning, pick up the kids at one activity and haul them to another. A woman's car is another vacuum cleaner minus the tether of the electric cord.

More women, however, are opening themselves to a special relationship with cars. If not vehicles in general, then to one specific machine that they treat like a personal statement, an eccentric fashion accessory, even a favored companion.

Traditionally, men are the ones who love cars. But women can fall even harder and perhaps in more varied, and certainly more whimsical, ways.

For proof of that look no farther than a new book by Boston photographer Marilyn Root. The book is called "Women at the Wheel" with the subtitle: "42 Stories of Freedom, Fan belts and the Lure of the Open Road."

The black and white photographs are varied and expressive. When it comes to the words, the author wisely stays out of the way of the individual stories and largely lets all the women tell how they fell into fascination with their one particular machine.

Anyone leafing through the paperback book, built longer than it is tall (like a car), would be struck primarily by three things.

First, by how many of the cars are decorated — wildly and intricately, interior and exterior.

Second, by how long-lasting the love affairs are, with many dating back for decades of loyalty.

Third, by the absence of "collec-

tor" cars, objectively speaking. Oh, there's a 1928 Franklin, not exactly ready for a Pebble Beach concours, but Susan Roberts, whose car it is, represents the fourth generation of Franklin owners.

Linda Kaknes has a 1967 Mustang, maybe the Morris Minor owned by Amy Dickinson of Washington D.C., qualifies as a "collector" in some circles.

There's a Stanley Steamer, a motorcycle, an electric car and a Mack truck in the mix, but most of the wheeled loves are special only to the owners. Most owners have made them even more special. The urge to personalize might be in the simple act of adding fancy wheels and pin-striping, or it could be by flamboyant paint jobs and large and small objects in bas relief all over the vehicles' surface.

The decorators range from Rebecca Boren, whose 1992 Honda is spotted with assorted little toys, through the stars and planet theme on Texan Shelley Buschur's Karmann Ghia, to the homage to rare white buffaloes with a herd of them atop the Beverly Hayes VW bug.

Overlooking the 1970 VW bus be-

longing to Lynn Finley, another Texan, would be hard to do.

The interior is a jungle of leopard- and tiger-print fabrics and outside is a daubing of paw prints. Several of the women, mostly convertible drivers, say their cars represent freedom to them (at least acquired right after a divorce).

Some of the relationships are longstanding affairs, some are professional. Lucille Treganowan, for instance, overcame initial doubts to two transmission repair shops in Pennsylvania. "Transmissions by Lucille." She also does a cable TV show called "Lucille's Car Care Clinic."

Betty Hamilton, of Ohio, always knew she wanted a driving job but has had nothing but, since she was old enough to get the proper licenses, delivered buses, drove for a tour, western singer and criss-crossed the country driving a traveling classroom.

"Women at the Wheel" can assure young women that their interest in cars (still not a "female" thing in our culture) is quite okay. It can embolden the older woman who clings to an aging machine despite family efforts to wrest it from her. Or it can bolster the choice of a woman who likes a car for reasons at which convention might sneer.

Margaret Strange of Massachusetts, for instance, likes cars that are perfectly square. "Blocky shapes and no other appeal to her, and she was pleased to discover a 1960 Rambler American.

She also would consider a BMW 2002 because it is on the square, like Author Marilyn Root has done women and cars a service with her book. "Women at the Wheel" (\$12.95) is published by Sourcebooks, Inc., of Naperville, Ill.

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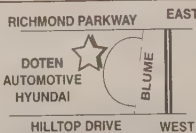
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Excitement building for '99 Monterey Auto Weekend

By Arnold Wechter

IF YOU HAVEN'T made room reservations for the upcoming Monterey Auto Weekend time is running out.

The weekend begins Friday, Aug. 27 with the Concours Italiana at Quail Lodge Resort. Saturday finds the 25th anniversary running of the Monterey Historic Automobile Races at Laguna Seca Race Track.

The famed Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance completes the weekend. There are also various auto auctions and innumerable parties.

August may seem like a long way off, but don't delay. If you can't find a hotel or motel room in Monterey, Pacific Grove or Carmel, start looking in Salinas, then Watsonville and as a last resort Santa Cruz.

At this year's historic races, guests not only will see a rare collection of thundering Auto Unions, but also a retrospective of marques from the first 25 years, assembled in the "Monterey tradition."

Founder Steve Earle's idea of creating an automotive weekend in Monterey became a reality in 1974 with 60 participants and 1,000 spectators.

The Monterey Historics has grown to become the vintage racing and social event of the year in North America.

"From the very beginning, we have taken a journey that was all but unimaginable to a racing enthusiasts, but has become real," reflects Earle.

"We have hosted the greatest of the great in both cars and drivers. Race cars are no longer considered worthless tools of the trade, but are treasured for their histories. That the Monterey Historics has played a role in this development is a source of tremendous pride," Earle said.

In 1975, Alfa Romeo was selected as a featured marque and brought many famous drivers and cars to its paddock display. The selection of an honored marque has since become a highly-prized honor that the likes of Ferrari, Porsche, Jaguar, Aston Martin and Mercedes-Benz, among many others, hold in high regard.

The only break in tradition was in 1991, when the honored marque was actually an honoree — the "maestro," five-time World Driving Champion Juan Manuel Fangio.

As we wrote, if you are an enthusiast this is an event and weekend

that you won't want to miss. Make your reservations before it is too late.

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Ford Mustang enthusiasts will need another hurry-up if they want to get their hands on the 2000 SVT Mustang Cobra R. It is the first factory race-prepped Cobra since 1995.

SVT spokesman Alan Hall said the car won't be available until later this year — and then there will be only 200 at that. Hall did say the power from the normally aspirated modular 4.6-liter V-8 will be somewhere between the SVT Mustang Cobra's 320 hp and 315 ft/lbs and the

Dodge Viper's 450 hp and 490 ft/lbs.

The Cobra R will be provided with a six-speed gearbox, Brembo brake rotors and calipers, lowered suspension with Eibach springs and Bilstein shocks and a Borla exhaust.

Also featured will be a "power dome" hood with rear air extractor for better engine cooling, 18-inch wheels and BFG g-Force tires plus Recaro seats. Forget ordering if you demand a stereo, air conditioner or back seat. They're not an option.

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Sunnyvale, CA 94088-0532
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Bay Area Mustang Association

PO Box 20292
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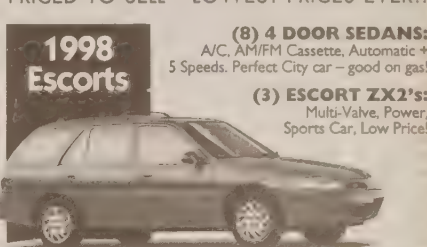
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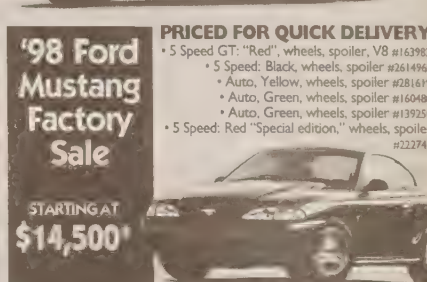
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UNDER THE HOOD

Auto science 101: What makes cars, trucks fly

By Al Haas
KING RIDER NEWSPAPERS
Part two of two parts

We conclude our series on what makes cars work with a look at some techie tidbits that make cars faster, safer and easier to drive:

Superchargers, turbochargers

In a conventional, or normally aspirated, engine, the piston's downward travel during the intake stroke sucks the fuel/air charge into the cylinder. Turbochargers and superchargers force in more air than the piston can suck in, thus significantly increasing power.

Both a turbocharger and supercharger use a small fan to force the air/fuel mixture into the cylinder, but power the fan in different ways.

The turbocharger uses escaping exhaust gases to spin the fan. This means the engine has to be running at close to 3,000 rpm to spin the fan fast enough to significantly boost fuel/air intake. Below those rpm, you are getting no appreciable power boost from the turbocharger, and are left with a condition called "turbo lag."

The supercharger's fan, on the other hand, is powered by an engine drive belt. This means the supercharger begins deliv-

ering the extra power almost immediately, and doesn't suffer from the turbo's power postponement.

The advantages and disadvantages of the turbos and superchargers are fairly evident: turbo, power, cost and complexity, and less fuel economy.

Four-valve engines

A conventional engine has one intake valve and one exhaust valve for each cylinder. The four-valve engine doubles that. The additional valves boost power by allowing freer breathing and optimal spark plug placement. And the dual intakes obviously allow more fuel into the cylinders.

The advantages and disadvantages are very much like those of turbos and superchargers: more power, more manufacturing expense and worse gas mileage.

Variable valve timing

Doubling the number of intake valves reduces the velocity of the fuel entering the cylinder at low engine speeds. This, in turn, diminishes power.

As the engine speed increases, however, the fuel/air velocity goes up, and the better-breathing four-valve design comes into its own.

Variable valve timing is basically a valve

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BACK TO THE FUTURE



TOYOTA'S "back to the future" vehicle is a 1967 FJ45 wagon on a current Land Cruiser chassis and drive train. The show vehicle was customized by Rod Millen Motorsports in California. The Cruiser's 4.7-liter V8 engine was relocated to improve the vehicle's weight distribution, and a specially designed suspension was incorporated to increase wheel travel and mobility. Additional equipment includes dual front and rear 9,000-pound Warn winches and B.F. Goodrich 35-inch tires.

Mitsubishi

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Montero, Mirage, and Galant owners that service at dealerships would continue.

Yet with financial losses due to slow sales, no one much believed that the company would survive. Conflicting ad campaigns and a poor image almost led to closing down. That's when Gagnon was hired.

Today, Mitsubishi is enjoying a significant turnaround. Sales are up 23 percent, which brings joy to Gagnon's heart. He has reason to celebrate.

The new Eclipse, based on the SST concept car, will be in dealerships in June. In 2001, a new Spyder convertible will be launched, alongside a redesigned, luxury Montero, and maybe a mini-SUV, plus a couple of trucks.

Engine development is a priority at Mit-

subishi. Gagnon says the company will have a hybrid engine.

"Electric cars have no future," Gagnonsaid. That opinion arrives hard on the heels of the news that Honda has pulled the plug on its electric cars.

"Hybrids are the answer. We are working on one, based on our Gasoline Direct Injection engine, which reduces CO2 emissions. We're teaming it up with an electric drive system and a continuously-variable transmission. It will cost half the price of other hybrids," Gagnon says.

"Meantime, when the Environmental Protection Agency decreases sulphur in gasoline, it will bring our standard GDI engine technology here."

That might be a tough sell. Oil companies are strongly opposing the suggestion that sulphur content be lowered.

Mitsubishi's 1999 lineup includes an all-new, larger, more elegant Galant with front-wheel drive and a choice of engines. Prices

for the mid-size sedan start at \$16,990. The subcompact Mirage sedan and coupe are priced from \$11,150 to \$14,090. The Eclipse subcompact hatchback and convertible, awaiting a complete redesign next year, range in price from \$15,750 to \$27,420. Mitsubishi's top-of-the-line luxury sedan, the Diamante, retails for \$27,650, or \$33,050 for the premium leather package. The 3000GT two-seater roadster starts at \$25,450.

The mid-size Montero sport utility vehicle has a few cosmetic updates this year, and costs \$31,370. Its smaller brother, the Montero Sport, gains a Limited version with a 3.5-liter, V6 engine. Prices range from \$18,310 to \$32,630.

Hood

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operating mechanism that keeps one of the two intake closed at low engine speeds to boost incoming fuel/air velocity (and thus power), and then opens it at higher speeds, when fuel/air velocity is up, and the engine is ready to take advantage of the freer breathing afforded by two valves.

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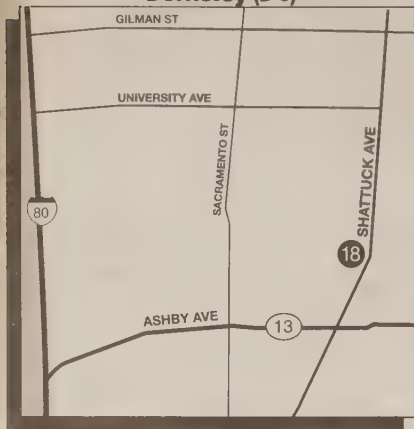
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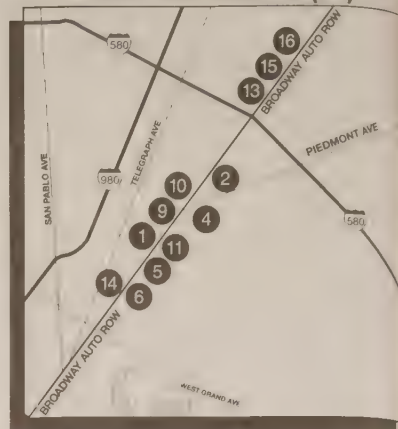
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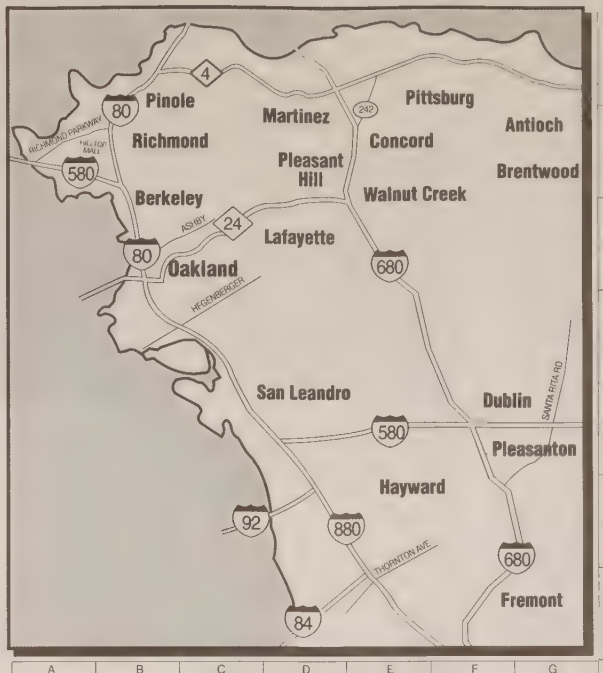
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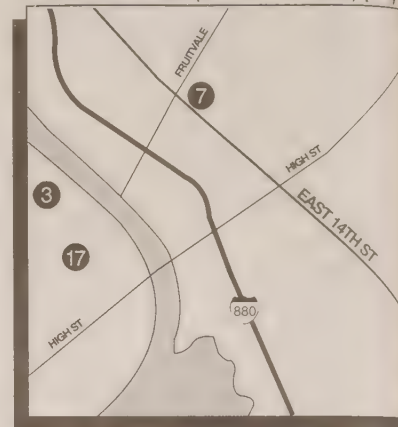
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'73 Pontiac Firebird Esprit still young at 91,000 miles

Classic Classics

By Vern Parker



Vern Parker

"After all the wheeling and dealing, the bottom line rang in at \$4,359.37."

\$4,359.37. The Thompsons' vehicle was one of 17,249 Firebird Esprit models built that year.

"I still remember the excitement I felt when I picked up the 'Bird on April 21," Thompson said of the sleek 3,309 Pontiac.

He climbed into the handsome Pontiac with the twin grilles — each filled with a 48-square egg-crate pattern. The left one carries the Pontiac 350 label. Below the grille openings in the Endura bumper are a pair of amber parking lights.

The government required that all 1973 models must have five m.p.h. front "crash" bumpers, as well as 2.5 mph rear bumpers. GM designers skillfully concealed the bumper protection in the front end design of the '73 Firebird.

"I got radial tires the first day I had the car," Thompson said.

Pontiac designers cleverly styled regular 14-inch steel wheels with five

raised panels that were painted silver. To this design element were added the five chrome lug nuts.

Completing the illusion of a high-priced mag wheel was the addition of a wide stainless steel trim ring. Regardless of how attractive the wheels were, Thompson had experienced good luck with radial tires on other cars.

The well-appointed Pontiac Firebird Esprit came with standard equipment including: seat belts, dual horns, ashtray lamp, custom carpets, 350-cubic-inch V8, body color mirrors, roof drip moldings, deluxe wheel covers, Endura front bumper, rocker panel moldings, and side guard door beams.

Thompson said his car came with a tiny space-saver spare tire, but he replaced it with a regulation-size tire. The only downside is the space lost. "It's an awfully darn small trunk," he said.

His Firebird also came with wheel opening moldings, windshield radio antenna, cushioned steering wheel, formed rubber trunk mat, sill and hood edge molding, recessed dual-speed wipers, and lateral restraint bucket seats.

The speedometer, ever hopeful, sets 160 mph as the top end. Although neither Thompson nor his wife has reached that speed, the car has served reliably while doing typical family chores.

The odometer has just recently recorded 91,000 miles. "I try to drive it at least once a week," Thompson said.



VERN PARKER

DAVE AND ELSIE Thompson plunked down a \$100 deposit for their Firebird in 1973.

"The amazing thing is the longer I have it, the less I drive it."

A bad moment in the life of the Pontiac came on Friday the 13th in March 1981, when another car struck its left front corner. The body shop hammered out the dents in the fender and installed a new Endura bumper. Despite a fender-bender blemish,

Thompson said, "We have had an awful lot of fun in this car."

In 1981, Elsie moved on to another car that left this one to now-retired Dave, meaning it no longer has to endure the morning commute to the Pentagon. "The manufacturers are making them better now," Thompson concedes, "but they are

not as interesting."

If you have an antique car of interest to "Classic Classics" readers, write to Vern Parker detailing its merits. (Please, no inquiries about selling or buying vehicles.) His address: 2221 Abbottsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22218.

AUTO BRIEFS

By Arnold Wechter

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Intelligent airbags

Beginning in June, BMW 5 and 7 series cars will be equipped with the next generation of "intelligent" airbag protection. The new system will automatically assess the severity of an impact and choose between two inflation rates for the front airbags.

This feature combined with the marque's "intelligent" dual-threshold technology and Head Protection System, further enhances BMW's position as a leader in safety technology.

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On-line shopping

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SPRING HILL, Tenn.

Saturn passes to Bradshaw

Terry Bradshaw, former Pittsburgh Steeler football great and Fox NFL Sunday co-host, will kick off the 1999 Saturn Homecoming July 30-31 ac-

tivities as master of ceremonies.

"We are extremely please to have Terry join us for this event," said Jill Lajdzak, vice president of sales, service and marketing for Saturn Corp.

"Not only does his participating in Homecoming add another nationally recognized personality to our list of entertainers, but he also has a long-standing relationship with the Special Olympics, which is Saturn's charitable partner for the Homecoming."

Bradshaw is best known for a gridiron career that included four Super Bowl wins with the Steelers, eight playoff seasons and six AFC championship games. Part of Brad-

shaw's emcee duties will include announcing a variety of athletic challenges available to Homecoming participants. Planners of the event went to great lengths to provide a broad range of activities to cover the varied tastes of Saturn owners.

Cyclists will be treated to a visit by Tour de France winner Greg LeMond, who will conduct a road cycling demonstration. There will also be several golf clinics hosted by Ladies Professional Golf Association pros at a driving range and miniature course, while ski simulators and yoga classes will be available.

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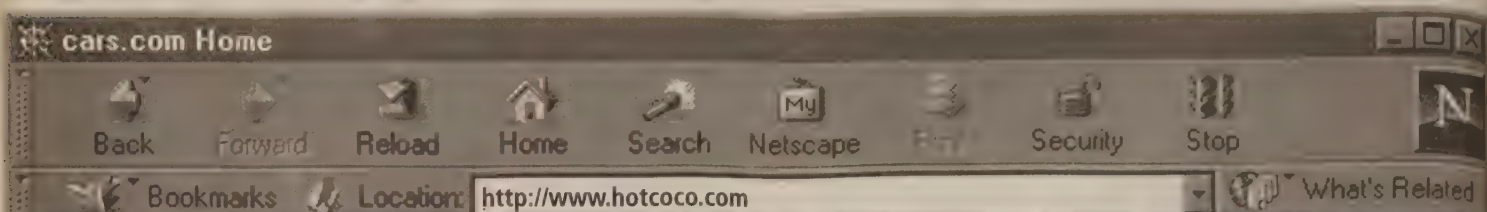
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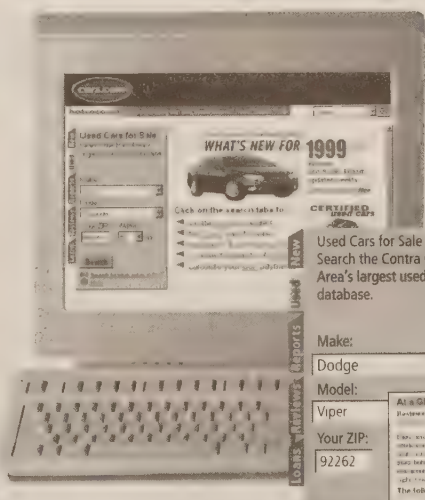
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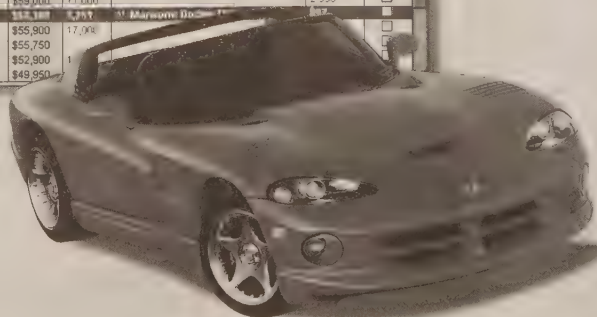
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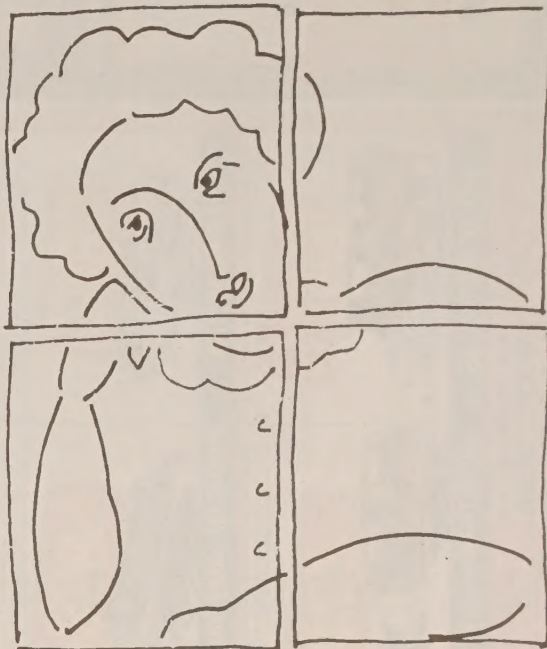
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